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Reform plan to go before Parliament

Civil justice to be 'quicker and cheaper'

By Frances GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Government yesterday backed reforms to make the civil courts cheaper, quicker and easier to use. The proposals were put forward

by Lord Woolf, the Master of the Rolls. in his final report on civil justice. Lord Mackay of Clashfern. the Lord Chancellor, said he would introduce a Bill this autumn to implement the first stage of the reforms.

The wide-ranging proposals set out in Access to Justice, which Lord Woulf said would rearrange civil justice into "a new landscape", drew a mixed response from lawyers and consumers' groups, who approved of the aims but raised fears about how the changes would be financed.
The key objectives and measures

include: Parties to be encouraged to explore alternatives to a court

resolution of a dispute; □ A single set of rules governing proceedings at the High Court and county courts;

☐ A shorter timetable for cases to reach court and for length of trials;

☐ More affordable litigation. Lord Woolf said yesterday that under his 300 proposals litigation would cease to be designed for the convenience of lawyers. He added: "It is absolutely essential to the civil justice system that it works. If you have not got that, what happens to our rule of law — to law and order?" Lord Mackay said he would introduce legislation "at the earliest opportunity" to create a single set of rules that would simplify and speed up procedures. He would outline a strategy on the the rest of the proposals this autumn and on how



Woolf: law must cease to be for convenience of lawyers

to "promote the necessary change in culture among lawyers, judiciary and court users".

Some of the measures, such as the training of judges and the introduction of more computers, are likely to take years to implement

Lord Mackay said that the re-forms held "far-reaching consequences" for the civil courts. "If disputes can be fairly settled without resort to litigation, they should be. If they cannot, it is for the courts to set the pace and to insist upon early identification of the disputed

issues and evidence." The reforms, which have taken two years to draw up, would mean a huge cut in costs; most disputes, those involving up to £10,000, would go into a fast-track system with costs limited to £2,500. Cases would be heard within 30 weeks and hearings would generally last no more than

three hours. The proposals also mean that judges would become "trial managers", enforcing strict timetables and fixing costs.

The measures are aimed particularly at stopping wealthy litigants abusing the system and driving opponents into the ground through oppressive or unreasonable tactics. Tough penalties, which make litigants liable for interest rates of up to 35 per cent on top of costs, will encourage people to accept settle-ment offers.

The legal profession welcomed the reforms but expressed concern over whether adequate funds would be made available to train judges as

Tony Girling, president of the Law Society, said: We welcome the thrust of the report. It is imperative to make it easier and cheaper for litigants to take court action if the justice system is to avoid pricing itself out of the market."

He added, however, that many of the proposals would need testing in selected courts before "wholesale

change" takes place. Christopher Clarke, QC, the chairman of the Bar's civil justice working party, said: "The spirit of Woolf is an admirable one which the Bar Council resoundingly endorses. We want the new system to work and to work well."

This needed more judges and more funds for training them, he said. He also expressed fears that the Government might cherry pick" the measures, leaving out any that had cost implications.

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Geoffrey Boycott leaves the High Court after a memorable, though shortened appearance

Bluff **Boycott** given out by judge

BY TIM JONES

It may not have been cricket. but when Geoffrey Boycott stood in the witness box yester-day he delivered a performance every bit as aggressive as any of those he produced playing 108 Test matches for England.

In typical Yorkshire fashion, he began his evidence in the Imran Khan libel case in slow and measured terms. Mysteriously, he was carrying with him a brand new spiked cricket shoe.

He soon had the normally unflappable George Carman, QC, in fits of laughter, but he steadily became belligerent to the point where Mr Justice French halted his evidence and asked him to leave the witness box.

It became clear that while willing to answer questions on ball tampering, he was even more interested in settling old scores against his former Eng-land colleague. Brian Close.

Dressed in a white short-sleeved Willis World Cup shirt and sporting a vivid green tie, he began by apologised to the judge, "Your honour, can I sav I am sorry I haven't got my jacket on, but I was rushed from the Test Match at Lord's where I was expecting to be

The judge, smiling at that stage, told him no apology was

Asked to give his name and full address, Boycott did so right down to the postal code "WJA 2JQ, Yorkshire."

The court burst into laughter when, after a pause, he added: "That's in England." Mr Carman said: "It hasn't declared a state of independence then?"

Boycott appeared to take the question seriously, and in an accent undiminished by years Continued on page 2, col 3

Thorpe leaves Test balanced

An unbeaten 43 from Graham Thorpe took England to 200 for five at the close of the second day of the first Test at Lord's in reply to Pakistan's first innings of 340. England lost three wickets

for nine runs. including Graeme Hick for four, as they collapsed from 107 for one to 116 for four, but the match was left intriguingly poised. Paki-stan's last pair added 50 to the overnight score of 290 for

Jet hijacked on flight to Cuba

An Iberia Airlines DC-10 jet with 217 passengers flying from Madrid to Havana was hijacked last night and was rerouted to Miami. A spokes-man for the Federal Aviation Authority in Miami was unable to say whether the passengers were in any danger. Police were deployed at Miami international airport.

Bridgewater Four win fresh appeal over hidden evidence

By Richard Ford, home correspondent

Four was referred to the Appeal Court for a second full hearing by Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, yesterday in a decision that surprised political and legal

Relatives of the four men convicted of killing Carl Bridgewater, 13, the newspaper boy shot dead when he disturbed a burglary, wept with joy when told. Mr Howard said in a state-

ment that he had not reached his decision lightly, but that on "fine balance", the Appeal Court should review the 1979

In December last year, the Home Secretary said he was minded not to refer the case back, but yesterday he said that the non disclosure of some fingerprint evidence and

FROM CHARLES BREMNER

THE love of Europe's citizens for the

European Commission in Brussels was dealt another blow yesterday

when that body of bureaucrats agreed

to try to hold member states to their

promise to end the sale to travellers of

duty-free drink and tobacco and all

other goods within three years. Before leaving for their long summer

holidays next week, the Commission-

ers have endorsed a report from Mario

Monti, their colleague responsible for

THE case of the Bridgewater an apparent breach of rules regarding interviews with one man had "tipped the balance". Michael Hickey, 33, his cousin Vincent, 39, and James Robinson, 60, were convicted of murdering Carl at Yew Tree Farm, near Stourbridge in the West Midlands, in 1978.

Patrick Molloy, who was convicted of manslaughter,

died in prison. Ann Whelan, the mother of Michael Hickey, who has refused to leave prison on parole until he has been cleared, said: "It's absolutely fantastic news. I was totally overwhelmed by the news, as I had completely lost faith in

right and wrong."

The appeal is expected to be heard in the New Year and if the men are cleared they could each receive compensation of more than £170,000, based on a minimum £10,000 for every year in prison, for being wrongfully convicted and jailed. Mrs Whelan said: "If all the evidence is looked at realistically and honestly in

the court then, yes, they will walk out and I will believe in British justice once again." The news was broken to Michael in Gartree jail, Vincent in Long Lartin and Robin-

son in Whitemoor yesterday.

Pressure has been mounting on Mr Howard to refer the case to the Appeal Court since an official in charge of the prosecution expressed "deep concern" over the withholding of crucial evidence. The jury foreman in the original trial said last year that he had doubts over the guilt of the

Withheld evidence, page 7 be tempted to cut interest rates again. The IMF report says

European Commission backs plan to end duty-free sales

IMF warns Clarke against cutting taxes

By JILL SHERMAN AND ALASDAIR MURRAY

THE International Monetary Fund has delivered an upbeat assessment of the British economy but warned Kenneth Clarke that he has "no scope for tax cuts" in the November

Budget.
An IMF report describes Britain's recent economic performance as "enviable" but argues that taxes cannot be reduced while public borrowing exceeds government targets. The report coincided with disappointing figures showing that the economy had grown more slowly than expected between April and June, part-

ly due to the beef crisis. Economists said yesterday that the Government would struggle to meet its revised growth target of 2.5 per cent by the end of the year and suggested the Chancellor may that Mr Clarke had succeeded in imposing tough spending targets but warns against further delays in capital investment which would impede growth. Running costs should bear the brunt of new cut-

backs, it suggests.
"Given the limited scope for major progress in this area in the short term and the importance of strengthening the to be no scope for tax cuts in the upcoming Budget."

The message will disappoint rightwinger clamouring for big tax cuts but will put greater pressure on ministers to pare down costs as part of this year's spending round which is now underway.
The Chancellor released the

conclusions of the annual IMF report for the first time, declar-

and other retailers back the Commis-

sion, arguing that the duty-free tradi-tion costs them millions in lost sales.

The International Duty Free Confed-

eration has called on the Commission

to think again. It said there were other

ways of meeting one of the Commis-sion's main objections to the current system: that countries are not enforc-

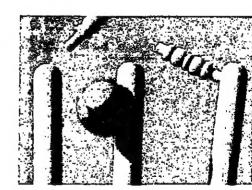
ing the limits set on duty-free pur-

chases. These are 200 cigarettes, two

litres of still wine and a litre of any

other alcohol. Travellers are also not

supposed to spend more than £72 on





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the single market, that strongly argues the case for ending an institution now

Signor Monti, whose main occupa-tion is the harmonising of VAT,

demands that the 15 member states

apply a 1992 agreement to refuse duty-

free goods to all passengers except

those travelling to countries outside the European Union by July 1999. The internal tax-free trade, which

forms a large part of the £3.9-billion

duty-free industry, was supposed to

cease with the arrival of the single

market in 1993, but a stay of six years

deemed to be an anachronism.

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any one trip.

was granted after pressure from airports, airlines, businesses and con-

sumer groups. But sales are booming.

Evidence that many tax-free items cost

more than they would in local shops

has done little to diminish the appetite

The Commission fears that, despite

the potential for higher tax revenue, governments will give in to pressure from those travel interests which claim

that the demise of duty-free sales will

mean a loss of up to 100,000 jobs, the

closing of some airports, and higher

ticket prices. But supermarket chains

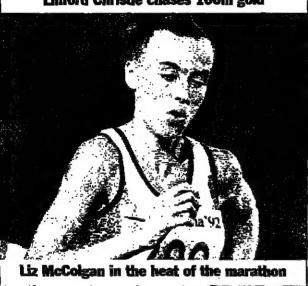
of travellers for the concession.

THE GREAT SUMMER OF SPORT



Jonathan Edwards goes for triple-jump glory

Linford Christie chases 100m gold



Steven Redgrave's quest for a place in history

GREAT BRITISH BREAKS AT HALF-PRICE

Treasury reaps benefits of EU budget freeze

AN AGREEMENT to freeze the European Union budget next year means Britain will pay less in real terms for its membership of the European Union than in any year since it joined in 1973.

Driven by the need for big spending cuts to qualify for monetary union, EU ministers agreed on Thursday night to cut £2 billion from funds for agriculture, regional aid and other areas. Although the European Parliament has power to add additional spending, the deal among governments should keep the overall EU budget at the current level of £65 billion.

POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TORY infighting over Europe

is expected to intensify today

with a blunt warning from John Redwood that the Gov-

ernment's position on the sin-

gle currency would unravel

during a three-week general

election campaign.
Mr Redwood has seized on

the resignation of David

Heathcoat-Amory to say that the Cabinet and Tory party would split within weeks of an

election. The intervention, on

the day he flies to the United

This follows years of steady increases, including an 8 per cent iump this year.

The Treasury will also benefit from an expected discount next year of about £500 million, representing its share of E7 billion which was unspent in the 1995 EU budget. The EU has been increasingly over-forecasting its budgets in re-cent years, a habit which the member states want to break.

The 1995 repayment is expected to be matched by a further big return from un-spent funds in 1996. The paybacks, made in the form of a future credit, are welcome to the Government as the Chan-

Redwood claims Tories

will split during election

meet leading Republicans, will infuriate John Major, who has appealed for loyalty.

Bill Cash, the Euro-sceptic

MP, last night wrote to Kenneth Clarke, the Cabinet's

most enthusiastic advocate of

a single currency, urging him

to do a "Heathcoat-Amory"

and resign.

Mr Redwood, writing in The Times today, says that a decision on replacing the pound with the euro would

have to be taken within weeks

of the election. "It is difficult to

see how we could go through

an election campaign with

both major parties saying that

cellor prenares a tight budget in the autumn but it has been been part of Treasury calculations for months.

The EU has made its main savings through the reform of the common agriculture policy, which consumes half the EU budget. Regional spend-ing has also been delayed. partly because cash-starved states are reluctant to come up with the required matching funds for projects on their

territory. With the help of the rebate won by Margaret Thatcher in 1984 and its declining wealth relative to the rest of Europe.

Tony Blair, the Labour

leader, has declined an invita-

tion by Mr Redwood to sign a

joint letter to the 10 worst-

performing local education

authorities, nine of which are

In a speech to Chester

Conservatives last night, Mr Redwood called on Gillian

Shephard, the Education Sec-

retary, to make a more robust

statement of support for Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspec-

John Redwood, page 20

under Labour control.

tor of Schools.

the EU have been in long decline. London's gross contribution in 1996 is expected to be E6.7 billion. According to Treasury figures this falls to £1.6 billion once EU farm subsidies, regional aid and other payments are deducted,

the lowest ever in real terms.

The demand for a spending freeze in 1997 was led by Germany and France, the core states in the project for mone-tary union (EMU). Both are struggling against stagnation to curb their deficits in time to match the criteria laid down in

the Maastricht treaty.

The key test of a deficit of 3 per cent of gross domestic product will be applied early in 1998 to countries' perfor-mance in 1997. Alain Lamassoure, the French budget minister, hailed the deal as "good news for European and French taxpayers" and said it showed citizens that Europe was tightening its belt along with the national govern-

The 1997 freeze will not affect spending to relieve the effects of BSE on the European beef industry. It was approved by majority vote, against opposition from Italy, The Netherlands, Belgium and Austria, which felt they would be unduly penalised.

Approval was won from Spain, Portugal, Greece and Ireland, the poorest member states and net beneficiaries of the EU. It was guaranteed that their funds would not be cut.

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NEVS IN BRIEF

Drug addiction up among under-21s

The number of drug addicts under 21 rose by 21 per cent last year. according to official government figures published yesterday.

The big increase in new officially registered addicts under 21 occurred as the overall number increased by nine per cent to a total of 37,200. Heroin remains the most common drug of addiction but methadone, used in the treatment of heroin addictions, showed a 12 per cent increase for new addicts. More than 11,500 new drug addicts admitted being addicted to heroin, one thousand

Call to cut youth crime

Labour yesterday accused the Tories of letting young offenders get away with serious crimes because of bureaucrafic delays in the judicial system and that the delays meant that many police officers did not bother to arrest children. Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, calling for reform, said that youth crime had been rising but fewer young offenders were being cautioned or found guilty.

No action over sinking

The Crown Prosecution Service has decided to bring no further prosecutions over the sinking of the Marchioness pleasure boat in 1989 because of "insufficient evidence", despite an inquest verdict of unlawful killing. Relatives of the 51 victims condemned the decision, and Louise Christian. a solicitor representing them, said there could have been a successful prosecution for manslaughter.

Live-in girlfriend loses

The Irish Republic's first palimony court case falled when the High Court ruled that the term was not recognised by the law in Ireland. A dress designer, Bernadette Ennis, was seeking maintenance from a company director, Colm Butterly — with whom she lived for eight years — on the ground of his infidelity.

Missing mother found

in a park, was discovered living rough yesterday. Julie Lane, 33, was given a medical check-up before being interviewed by police. She had been spotted by a member of the public in Eastbourne. Police said: "Where she has been and the reasons she left Steven are still unknown."

Boy bitten by adder

A ten-year-old boy was seriously ill in hospital last night after being bitten by an adder while on a family picnic. Samuel Kerr, of Narborough, Leicestershire, tried to pick up the snake from a rock in Bradgate Park, near Leicester. His hand and arm are badly swollen and he is suffering from severe shock.

Insurance broker jailed

A lonely broker, who stole £1.3 million over eight years to lavish gifts on his gay lovers, was jailed for three years at Southwark Crown Court. Paul Plumley, 39, of Weybridge, Surrey, was in charge of insurance and reinsurance accounts, with authority to sign cheques of up to £25,000. Larger amounts only needed one further signature.

United leader lends Blair support

By ANDREW PIERCE

TONY BLAIR has scored a political success over the soccer-loving John Major by se-curing the electoral endorsement of Alex Ferguson, manager of Manchester United, nicknamed the Red Devils.

Labour officials were delighted yesterday to have won the public backing of Mr Ferguson, who is an icon to thousands of British football

lifelong Chelsea fan, has been incensed by press reports that he is catcalled every time he takes his place on the terraces of the west London club. Chelsea spectators have complained that the Prime Minister's appearances have coin-

cided with a string of defeats.

The public declaration of support by Mr Ferguson, one of the best-paid men in British sport, came in an interview with New Labour New Britain. "He's [Blair] done a brilliant job. He has built the By contrast Mr Major, a bridge between what the trade

unions have wanted from Labour and what the public have wanted. The result is that the Labour Party is actually speaking for the people again." he said.

Recently the shirts of Eric Cantona and Ryan Giggs raised £22,500 at a Labour Party auction. ☐ The general election will be

held on May I. according to a poll of 151 MPs by Harris for the Parliamentary house magazine. It found that 49 per cent of MPs believe that is the date Mr Major will choose.



Ferguson: popular icon

Judge brings blunt Boycott's court innings to a close

Continued from page 1 of travelling from his beloved county, replied: "We like to think we are a bit

He made it plain he did not regard ball tampering as a hanging matter. It was like speeding on a motorway, not like bashing old ladies on the head. But he would not name players who tampered with the ball. "Not unless the judge makes me. I would prefer not to go to prison."

He agreed with Imran and Michael Atherton, the England captain. that the laws on ball tampering should be reviewed. They should have dealt with it years ago. But the International Cricket Conference takes a long time to do anything. It's slower than a tortoise."

Boycott revealed he had lost none

members of the visiting Pakistani team. "They are exceptionally talented players. I don't have a problem with them. But they are headstrong. Only yesterday, I spoke to one of them and said: 'You want your damned heads knocking together some of the time."

Now 55, Boycott had started playing for Yorkshire in 1962 when the team was captained by Brian Close, who gave evidence to the court earlier. Close had denied ball tampering was common and refused to comment when asked if he regarded Boycott as an honest man.

When Mr Carman asked whether he had any reason to doubt his honesty. Boycott replied: "I think it is fair to say he didn't come here as an

bitter and angry man trying to get his own back which is why he came here to cast aspersions on my honesty and

integrity.

I have been outspoken and critical of him. I said Yorkshire would be no good until he left the club. He left last year and they are now doing well."

Boycott held up the white cricket shoe and said he would like to say

some things about the evidence given by Close. "It will only take three minutes or so."

Mr Justice French: "We play this procedure. I would not call it a game because it is rather more serious. according to rules and one of the rules is that each side asks questions and it is sometimes dangerous for the witness to volunteer something from

Mr Carman asked Boycott whether apart from ball tampering he was aware of other ways in which the

rules of the game were broken.

Boycott: Yes. with Close as captain in certain games. He would instruct us to .. He never finished his sentence as

Charles Gray, QC, who is represent-ing Ian Botham and Allan Lamb in the libel action jumped to his feet to say that as Close was not in court to fend himself he had a duty to

Boycott "It's all right for him to criticise me and I can't reply for his untruthfulness."

Gray: "Be quiet Mr Boycott," Carman: "Do you agree or dis-

agree with Mr Close's comment that

the player third?" Boycott "I don't understand the

Mr Justice French then brought

Boycott's innings to an end. Muttering as he left the witness box that he had been denied the opportunity to give his views on Close Boycott left the court without ever explaining what he intended to do with the shoe.

Botham and Lamb are suing Imran over an offensive personal attack" in India Today magazine which they say called them racist, uneducated and lacking in class and upbringing. Botham alone is suing over a report in The Sun which, he says, accused him of ball tampering. Îmran denies libel.

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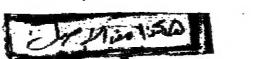
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'Because we tried to help, I have lost my job and we have used up all our savings'

Good turn plunged couple into fight for their house

AN ACT of kindness at a sailing club led a family into an 18-month battle for their house after the couple they had allowed to stay for a short while refused to leave.

Roger and Ann Hodekison agreed to let the couple live in their four-bedroomed home in Beltinge, Kent, while they looked for a buyer. A sale had fallen through at the last minute and they had taken a bridging loan, costing £900 a month, so that they could move into their new house,

They were confident of finding another purchaser quickly and chatted about their problem at Herne Bay Sailing Club. Mr Hodgkison, 55, a former world and national catamuran champion, saw no harm in helping out when Tony and Linda Webb said that the lease on their rented house had expired.

"You tend to be more re-laxed with people who are fellow members." Mr Hodgkison said. "We didn't know them well but they seemed to pull their weight and we had no reason to be suspicious.

They said they had lost their lease and just wanted to stay for a week while they found a new place to live. We did not know until later they

had just been evicted for failing to pay £3,000 rent to a lady of 91. We decided to let them stay and at first I didn't want them to pay anything."

That was in February last year. After a week the Webbs asked to stay on temporarily and said that they wanted to pay rent. Mr Hodgkison, an accountant, asked for £600 a month to help to meet the cost of the bridging loan, and signed an agreement saying that in return for the money the Webbs would look after the house and allow prospec-

tive purchasers to look round. Two days later the Webbs took the agreement to Canterbury council and claimed housing benefit. The council told them the agreement was not properly worded and advised them what it should say. The Webbs went back to the council with a letter, which the Hodgkisons say they never saw, setting out the agreement in an acceptable form. The council began paying housing benefit of £191 a formight into the Hodgkisons' account.

This created a landlordtenant arrangement, which meant the Webbs were legally entitled to stay. When the Hodgkisons found a buyer,

out, saying that they were interested in buying the house themselves. The Hodgkisons offered help to find a mort-gage. After a second buyer came and went the Hodg-kisons realised that the Webbs had no intention of buying the £90,000 property, so in October they began legal action to have them evicted.

After four hearings costing £4,000 in legal fees and £16,000 in bridging loan repayments, the Hodgkisons have regained possession of the house after a ruling by Canterbury County Court. Because we tried to help

people we thought were friends, my husband is an emotional wreck, I have lost my job and we have used up all our savings all our savings," Mrs Hodgkison said yesterday. "Our daughter will have to change school in the middle of GCSEs because we cannot go on paying fees. I was 50 yesterday but nobody could afford any presents. I have sold my car and we are looking for other things to sell

to try to make ends meet. We need to sell the house quickly but it is a wreck, with oil smeared everywhere. They were running a car repair



Roger and Ann Hodgkison outside the house, which they say has been left a wreck by the unwanted tenants

there are smashed windscreens in the hedges and old batteries in the flowerbeds."

The Webbs left on Thursday last week, just before they were due to be evicted. Mr Webb said he had done nothing wrong and had been acting on advice from Canterbury council and his lawyer, who said that the tenancy agreement allowed him to stay as long as he liked. "There is

no way we can stay here now. We will have to leave the area we have lived in for 18 years," Mr Webb said.

Mr Hodgkison has resigned from the sailing club, which he joined in 1957, in protest at the fact that the family which brought him close to ruin are still members. Tony Smith, the vice-commodore, said: This is a matter between two members that has nothing whatever to do with the club. We are sorry if Mr Hodgkison wants to leave, but we cannot get involved."

A spokeswoman at Canterbury council said: "We are all in sympathy with Mr Hodgkison, who is a terribly nice man, too good for his own good. He was accepting the housing benefit money and we therefore had no reason to think there was anything

agreement." The court was told that Mr Webb had received an 18month suspended sentence four years ago for fraudulently obtaining a £90,000 mortgage and deceiving the Department of Social Security and Canter-bury council by obtaining benefit. He had asked for 60 similar offences to be taken into consideration.

Man who destroyed river gets £1,500 fine

BY NICK NUTTALL

A DEMOLITION contractor who dumped deadly chemicals, "destroying a river" and costing £500,000 in clean up costs, was ordered to do 200 hours' community service and

fined £1,500 yesterday. Ed Gallagher, chief executive of the Environment Agency, which brought the prosecution, said last night that it was disappointed by the sentence. "We are concerned that some people might think that the laws on the environment are not tough enough,

Raymond Hake, of Taunton, Somerset, was found guilty at Yeovil magistrates court under the Water Resources Act 1991 after disposing of an estimated 250 gallons of lindane, a pesticide, and mercury into Mill Stream at Somerton, Somerset. The maximum sentence for the offence was a fine of up to

£20,000 and six months in jail. The stream, where the contractor was demolishing a nearby seed mill, feeds the River Carey. The pollution, which happened in August 1995, caused severe contamination, killing fish and other river life, and turning the

water pink.
Dr David Slater, the agency's director of pollution pre-vention, said: "This was a devastating pollution incident that destroyed a river ... but the worst aspect of this case

Gay man allowed to adopt child

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

A HOMOSEXUAL man has won the right to adopt a child. The ruling by appeal judges in Scotland is the first known case of an adoption by a homosexual male being approved in the United Kingdom.

Scotland endorsed the adoption of a five-year-old disabled boy by a nurse who has lived in a "close and loving relationship" with another man for ten years. Lord Hope, the Lord President, sitting with two other judges, ruled that there was no bar in law to a male homosexual or lesbian adopting a child as a single person.
All couples have to be married before they can adopt.

The judgment increases pressure on ministers to clarity the rules. Some campaigners are urging a ban on gays adopting while gay rights activists want same-sex couples to be given the right to

adopt together. The case was brought in the name of a state registered nurse, 34, who has cared for the child for more than 18 months in the Ayrshire home he shares with his partner, 35. The boy had been taken into care in Manchester and the local authority could not find anyone in the area willing to provide a permanent home. Through a private agency, he was placed in 1994 with the

prospective adopter, who has nursed disabled people. At the Court of Session in Edinburgh in May, Lord Gill had refused permission for the man to adopt. Lord Hope, at the same court, said yesterday that decision had been wrong.



Domenico Forte faces legal action from Forte hotels

Dear sir ... that name is our forte

By a Staff Reporter

A NEW tearoom quickly caught the eye of the manager of a local hotel. Both establishments carried the same famous name: Forte. Both were founded by descendants of men who left a small town in Italy a century ago to seek their fortunes in Britain.

However, there was no celebration of their connections last night. The giant hotel chain is threatening legal action to stop the owner of the

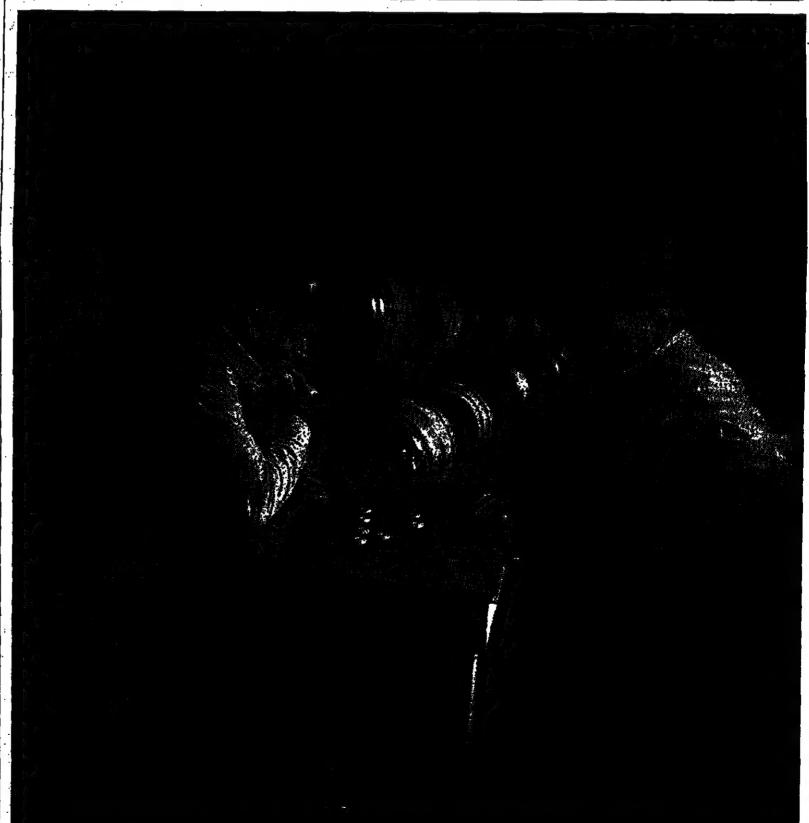
smaller premises from using his own surname on his shop. Domenico Forte, 60, opened the 48-seat, first-floor cafe in the shadows of the 11th century Winchester Cathedral after a career in teaching. His grandfather emigrated from Italy to Britain — at the same time as Lord Forte's father and started a chain of icecream parlours and grills in Exeter using the family name. Mr Forte said: "At one time

every seaside town from Exe-ter to Kent had a Forte establishment belonging to my family and we didn't hear a peep from the other Fortes. I have made it clear in my advertising that I am from Exeter and not part of the group. I'm proud of my name. I don't model myself on the Forte company. They charge £2.50 for a pot of tea. Mine is only 95p. I don't need their prestige. I will be judged locally on the service and value for money I give."

Lord Forte, whose father ran a case in Alloa, Scotland. opened a milk bar in London in 1934. It grew into a giant empire, which was lost to the Granada group this year in a hostile takeover. Forte (UK) Ltd, which owns

the Forte Crest Hotel in Winchester, has written to Mr Forte saying: "Unless you undertake that the sign outside your tearooms will be removed and no further use of the Forte mark will be made, we reserve the right to take legal action." A spokesman said they were

that Mr Forte was using his own name, and added: "Forte Hotels has no objection to fair competition but it cannot allow its most important brand name to be utilised by third parties. The use of the name in the tearooms in Winchester is clearly an infringement of trademark."



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Who dares investigate SAS emblem wins few thanks

By MICHAEL EVANS

THE famous SAS emblem, a winged dagger, is neither a dagger nor winged, according to research by a former member of the élite regiment. Last night a retired member of the SAS said: "This has come as quite a shock."

For decades the SAS has been known by the symbol on its cap badge and the motto Who Dares Wins. The SAS Regimental Association decided to find out the origins of the emblem, only to discover that the dagger is really a sword and the wings are flames.

Research also revealed that the Special Air Service was nearly saddled with a less Ascend. This was discarded in favour of Who Dares Wins. chosen by the late Colonel David Stirling, founder of the SAS in 1941.

The revelations are detailed in the SAS Regimental Associ-



Not wings but flames

ation's newsletter and are expected to be published in its magazine Mars and Minerva. The researcher discovered that the emblem was designed by the late Bob Tait, one of the founding members of the SAS. "Regimental history is not a

strong point within the regi-ment," writes the researcher in is Damocles' sword of retribution, surrounded by flames not a winged dagger."

He blames the error on the

late Major Roy Farran. a former SAS man whose book Winged Dagger was published after the Second World War. "His research was poor." the researcher says.

The truth about the cap badge will, perhaps, kill off the reference to the winged dagger that appears, without fail, in every publication, books on the SAS, and newspaper stories."

The research also explained why the SAS colours are a mixture of Oxford and Cam-

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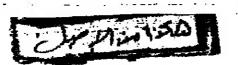


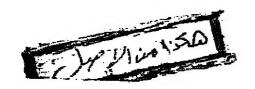
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Political offspring once looked forward to their 'inheritance', but now they shun corridors of power

Why children of MPs abstain with their feet

By ALICE THOMSON

WHEN an embittered Clare Short warned her colleagues yesterday not to put their daughters on the political stage, most MPs quickly agreed

Jack Cunningham, also in the Shadow Cabinet, said he had already advised his daughters. Catherine and Alexandra, not to become MPs. Most political offspring

were even more adamant that they did not want to go anywhere near the "nasty and hurtful" world of Westminster with "the vanity and ego, the manoeuvres and dishonesty", as Ms Short called it when she was moved from transport to development in the Labour reshuffle on on Thursday.

Yet once sons and daughters used to queue up to take wer Daddy's constituency; "inheriting" a seat was as great a gift as being given the family jewellery or shooting estate.

In the 19th century rotten bemughs guaranteed that the eldest son of ennobled political dynasties did an apprenticeship in the Commons before succeeding their father

Even this century political dynasties were still sending a stream of young Churchills. Channons, Bonham-Carters and Heathcoat-Amorys to fill the palace on the Thames, and father-and-son relay teams. like the Hurds. Hoggs and

Aitkens, were common. Labour MPs such as Hilary Armstrong and Greville Janner also took over their father's seats. Then political children's major worty was whether they could match their parents' achievements. But now many children would not be seen dead entering the corridors of

John Smith's glamorous daughters Sarah. Jane and Catherine made him look like a film star at Labour Party conferences. Laura Patten mesmerised the Hong Kong press by wearing a short skirt when her father, Chris, became Governor. The





Jane, left, and Sarah Smith lent glamour to father



their ageing father an aura of

vitality. But few young daugh-ters actually want to boost the paltry number of women

Dr Cunningham yesterday admitted that politics could be nasty. "I've been in the House of Commons for 26 years and

seen it from all sides, up, down, in and out and I think they know there are easier and better ways of working

for society," he said. Eddy Temple-Morris, 30. a Radio I producer and son of Peter Temple-Morris, comes from a long line of politicians were always really rocking — lots of good table-banging because Dad wanted us to know our own minds. But I am not a political animal at

am not a political animal at all. For me politics and the news are the boring bits between the records," he said. David Prescott shares a flat with his father John Prescott, the deputy leader of the Labour party, Yesterday Prescott Senior said: "Of course I would present soilities as would recommend polities as a career. You are privileged to be a Member of Parliament." But David's earliest memory of his father is on television and like many children, including several of Nigel Lawson's offspring, he decided to opt for journalism and the other side of the micro-

The number of children working for parents who are MPs has also fallen sharply as MPs worry about nepotism and children want to reap more lucrative rewards than just opening endless whingeing letters. Daniel Hodges, assistant to Glenda Jackson, MP for Hampstead and Highgate, is also her son. Was he interested in a career in politics in his own right? "I can't discuss my own life," he

The Tory MP Nicholas Scott paid the price for teaching his daughter about poli-tics at an early age. Instead of becoming an MP, she became a civil rights lobbyist and almost single-handedly caused her father's resignation as Minister for the

After 26 years watching Mr Scott handle the press, Victoria gave a welter of interviews on how "shamefully" the Government was behaving over the disabled. "Being bought up in a politically aware environment definitely shaped my career but in a different way," she said. Audrey and Valerie Wise

were once seen as the most likely mother-and-daughter duo on the Labour benches. The Wise women have been active in politics since

But Valerie, the youngest



Clare Short: spoke of "the vanity and ego, the manoeuvres and dishonesty" after losing her transport portfolio in Tony Blair's Shadow Cabinet reshuffle

on hold and works as an assistant to her mother.

Audrey said: "I don't think having a parent who is an MP actively helps a son or daughter who is trying to follow the same path. They have seen too many of the pitfalls. But I am happy and proud that Valerie is active in politics."

Jane Bonham Carter, a member of one of the leading Liberal dynasties of the last 100 years, was coy about whether she would follow in the footsteps of Asquith, her great-grandfather, who was Prime Minister, or her late father, Mark, who was a Liberal MP and peer.

Ms Bonham Carter has

been involved in politics for much of her life, and started last week as head of communications for the Liberal Democrats after editing A Week in

is still not prepared to fight a

Some MPs clearly still want their children to follow in their footsteps.

Jack Straw, the shadow

Home Secretary, said: "I find politics very amenable and in practice a more friendly business than that of friends who have gone into academic life and journalism. My children will make up their own minds

about a career."
Winston Churchill, the
Tory MP for Davyhulme,
whose grandfather was the wartime Prime Minister. great grandfather was Chancellor of the Exchequer and cousin is the minister Nicholas Soames, would be happy for any of his four children to keep the family flag flying in

the Commons. They are big enough to a tougher life because the press is more intrusive and

there are fewer MPs prepared to toe an independent line," he said. Greville Janner, the first

Labour MP to succeed his father in the same seat, said: "It is a proud privilege to serve as an MP. Having had a father in the kitchen I was well placed to see if I can stand the heat. My children have the same opportunity."

Mr Janner, the MP for

Leicester West, was relaxed about the prospect of any of his children pursuing the same career. With a possible exception. "My son, Daniel, stood as a Labour candidate in the past but regrettably has changed sides and joined the Tories. It is a son's privilege to be wrong."

Lightbown widow is chosen to fight seat

By ALICE THOMSON

LADY LIGHTBOWN has been chosen by local Conservatives to fight the seat her late husband represented at the next general election.

Sir David was MP for Staffordshire South East for al-most 13 years. As a government whip, for nine years, he was nicknamed The Terminator for the way he kept his truops in line. He died in December after watching the Var-

sity Match at Twickenham. Lady Lightbown wanted to fight the subsequent by-election but was not selected. The seat was captured by Labour in April when Brian Jenkins achieved a 13,762 majority over the Conservatives.

Now Lady Lightbown, 55, a former teacher who was married to Sir David for 35 years and was his personal assistant, has been given another shot. She was selected as prospective parliamentary candidate for Tamworth, the redrawn constituency that covers most of the old Staffordshire South East seat. More than 60 Tories had sought the candidacy for Tamworth, where Sir Robert Peel founded the modern Conservative Party. Lady Lightbown

Standing for Parliament was the last thing I would have done prior to David's death. But I wanted to keep alive the spirit of David's work. I am thrilled and cannot wait to get

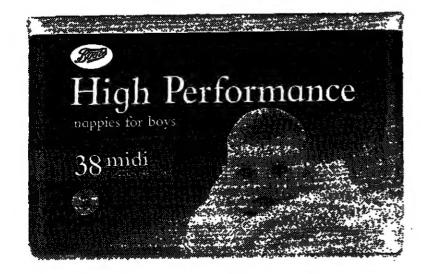
out on the doorsteps".

She added: "There were a great number of people, many of them Conservatives, who did not vote in the by-election and local elections. I want to find out why they have allowed the Labour Party to have a free rein.

We will be knocking on doors in the constituency from now until the election to find out what is worrying people

and put that right."
Ron Cook, chairman of the local Conservative association, said: "She is the ideal candidate for Tamworth. She has loads of experience and is well respected by everyone in the constituency. We are confident she will win back the seat

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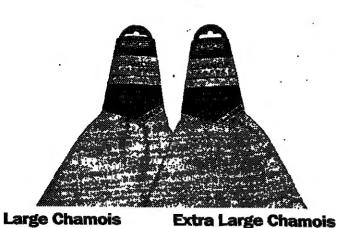
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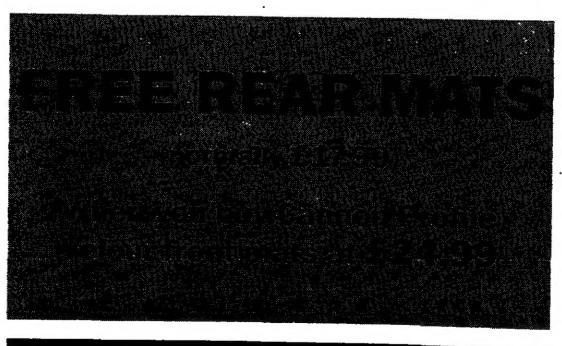
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Used car dealers take the P already

The first second-hand P-registered cars will go on sale this week within hours of the very first brand new "Ps" hitting the road.

In a marketing ruse that infuriates official dealers, quick-witted retailers will be putting their first used cars with P prefix plates on the forecourt priced at anything up to £2,000 less than the same car would cost new. The cars are second-hand

only in the loosest sense, and will have covered only a handful of miles. Many will have only delivery mileage on the clock, and will be identical in every respect to their "new" cousins. Indeed calling them second-hand, or nearly new. verges on a misnomer since these cars are at most a few

Having driven the gleaming P-reg car home, it would take a super-diligent neighbour to work out whether the new arrival was indeed new or nearly-used. Only close scrutiny of the vehicle's registration documents would reveal the

The Motor House car supermarket at Cannock, in Staffordshire, is one of the giant retailers that will be selling Preg used cars come Thursday and Friday. To franchised dealers the sale on the day when they are selling the very first brand new P-reg cars is a major irritant.

For manufacturers too it is frustrating, since August is the month when a quarter of the year's new cars will be sold. Carmakers spend most of the spring building and stocking ready for when the private buyer is happy to spend money in return for that glearning P-plated car.

Motor House marketing manager Nick Dicesare says: On Thursday we expect to be selling a range of nearly new cars with P-registration number plates, and while our stock is not yet confirmed, we would expect to have something like a selection of Ford Escorts and Fiestas, Fiat Bravas, as well as the Renault Megane."

same, offering used N-reg cars for sale, and asking visitors to the massive site to spot the difference between a brand new car and their N-reg used vehicles. Says Dicesare: 'The only difference was that the

used cars we were selling on a N were £1,500 to £2,000 cheaper than the brand new cars available from a dealer. Some of the cars will only have delivery mileage on them, others just a few thousand

"The reaction is incredible both from the rest of the trade and from the customers. Obviously it is a highly favourable

Last year Motor House did the reaction from the customers, and a bit shock-horror from the dealers, who just sit and wonder how the hell have we got hold of them." So how do outlets like Motor

> House get hold of such new cars and manage to be selling them used on a P plate so quickly? Dicesare says. "Like any good journalist. I am unable to reveal my sources." The Motor House is part of

the retail revolution now rolling across Britain's car sales industry. At any one time there are more than 1,000 one and two-year old M and Nregistered cars for sale, and the company estimates it sells

more than 16,000 cars a year. The key to the operation, rather than making a lot of

money on each individual sale, is to deal in huge volumes so that thin margins on such vast numbers make the whole enterprise profitable. The same thinking applies to the sale of used P-reg cars on August 1: while little money can be made on the individual sale, even a thin margin is worth working for, and there are benefits from the publicity

that such sales generate. The outlet's success might also reflect the growing disen-

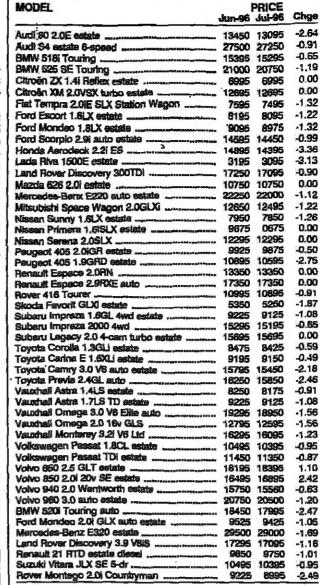
buying public with the prices being charged by manufactur-

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to private buyers fell from 940,000 (48 per cent) to 913,000 (47 per cent). At the same time, the recent Lex report on motoring found new car prices rising faster than inflation. and even company car fleets

ers for new cars. Total new car sales rose

from 1.9 million in 1994 to 1.95 million in 1995 according to the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, but sales turning to the provision of second-hand cars. Motor House: 01543 506060



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Dean of St Paul's dismisses criticism by Catholic Herald as 'outrageous'

Church of England defends the Queen

SENIOR clergy of the Church of England railied last night in defence of the monarchy after an attack published in a

newspaper.
The Dean of St Paul's, the Very Rev Eric Evans, said the criticisms of the Queen's role in the divorce of the Prince and Princess of Wales by the Catholic commentator William Oddie, and published in the Catholic Herald, were

Dr Evans, recently made a Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, an honour in the personal gift of the Queen, said: "What the Queen was trying to do was act as an honest mother and tidy the whole thing up. It was an unacceptable situation. It is unacceptable now, but at least

Dr Oddie, a former Anglican clergyman, questioned whether Catholic loyalty to the Crown could be sustained "in present conditions". He accused the House of Windsor of embarking on "an exercising in damage limitation" in which the first casualties have been "certain Christian principles of which until now the Queen herself was the most notable defender".

Dr Oddie said that the Queen had used her position to force a divorce on a wronged wife, compounding the destruction already caused to marriage and family life. The monarch herself has now been seen openly to abandon the belief that marriage is

But Dr Evans, who retires



The Queen at Buckingham University yesterday. William Oddie has questioned whether Roman Catholics can remain loyal to her

St Paul's, where his work has brought him into regular contact with the Royal Family, said: "The Church of England has always believed that divorce is possible. What Our Lord condemned was marrying again, which was really committing adultery. Remar-riage is the difficulty."

The Bishop of Oxford, the Right Rev Richard Harries, said it was unfair to suggest that the Queen had put pressure on the Prince and Princess of Wales to divorce. Regarding her well-publicised intervention at the time, he said: "It was more a question of recognising that a marriage had broken down, and the confusion of a state where this

had happened, but they were rejuctant to put in place the legal process and recognise it." Although the Church's official view is still that divorcees

their former partners are still living, a working party. chaired by the Bishops of Portsmouth and Winchester, the Right Rev Kenneth Stevenson and the Right Rev Michael Scott-Joynt, is to review this. The remarriage of divorcees

in church is currently forbidden under Church law although allowed by secular law. Practice varies according to the views of the local clergy. Already the rules on remar-

riage are being relaxed and remarried divorcees can now be ordained, which until recently was forbidden. A change of stance by the Church could pave the way for the Prince of Wales to remarry one day if he so wished, although Church leaders emphasised that there is no

suggestion of that at present. Dr Oddie said yesterday: "I am an absolutely convinced royalist and this is not a

republican argument, but I am very disappointed by the way the Queen has handled this problem.

He said the Queen had to take her share of responsibility for the situation. "Both the Church of England and the Roman Catholic Church hold that marriage is indissol-uble in the eyes of God."

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Dial-a-cassock helps vicars answer the call

HUNDREDS of clergyman have bought a new-style cas-sock with shoulder pads and a pocket for a mobile telephone. The Brunswick cassock was launched ten months ago by the clergy outfitters, Duncan's

of Ironbridge, and was described in yesterday's Church Times as suiting the modern parson about town. Francis Morley, managing director of Duncan's, said the idea originated to help vicars

who were out and about in their cassocks: "A lot of them have mobile phones. The

problem is where to keep it." The Rev Barry North, vicar of Ironbridge, Shropshire, likes the new cassock because he no longer has to clip his telephone to his belt. He said: "A lot of parishioners don't like talking to answering machines. With a mobile phone, my calls are diverted and they can get straight through."

Credo

Children of God have more than relative values

Brian Mountford

APATHY, not relativism, is the enemy of a moral society and the Christian moral heritage. Moral apathy the deadening of the moral spirit and the hardening of hearts — implies that people do not particularly care about right and wrong. With moral apathy, anything goes, and profit per-sonal advantage and pleasure are the probable criteria for action.

Moral relativism takes a serious view, but is founded on different principles from Christian ethics. It says that there are no moral principles which are necessarily right for all people in all societies at all times, and that what is right depends on what the individual or society thinks is right. Christian ethics is not

relativist because Christians believe in an external moral principle, namely God, who has revealed moral laws such as the Ten Commandments which set universal standards and who, in the person of Jesus Christ,

principle of all morality: self-givagape of the New Testament. Seductive though moral absolutism might be as a way of solving ethical dilemmas, revealed morality of this kind cannot provide a complete counterbal-

ance to relativism. It was absolutist moral zeal which Jesus condemned when He said that the person who had committed no sin should cast the first stone at the woman taken in adultery.

In Christianity, Christ's moral ideals are held up as standards which will bring fulfilment to those who try to follow them. But they are not simply hard-and-fast rules. The imitation of attempt to copy Christ's lifestyle; it is to develop moral sensibility in dia-

logue with Christ. Even in the Bible, moral ideas develop: the polygamy of the Old Testament heroes Abraham, Jacob and David is replaced by monogamy in the New Testament. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus cites old laws and draws out their essence.

This is where confusion can set in: the moral principles that derive from God still have to be applied and are relative to different social and cultural circumstances. A good example would be the changing attitude to the status of women. where it has taken centuries for theology to understand that men and women equally are made in the image of

Christian ethics is that it is personal and involves relationship with God. It is therefore appropriate to ask. as a means of moral interpretation, what Christ would have done in a partic-

ular situation. And it is equally important to remember that the Christian God is a God of forgiveness, renewal and reconciliation. who recognises that law without compassion is a tyrant. Those who do wrong and feel given by God. But

because God forgives does not mean that His standards are relative or watered

God recognises that goodness is hard to achieve, yet He does His people the honour of expecting them to live up to the loving poten-tial He has implanted within them.

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Islanders appeal for £2m to buy their home

THE residents of Eigg are to make a public appeal for £2 million to rescue their island from foreign ownership. The 63 residents have formed a partnership with the Scottish Wildlife Trust and the Highland Council in an effort to safeguard the future of the nine square mile island off the west coast of Scotland,

Eigg has been put up for sale by Marlin Eckhard Maruma, the German artist who bought it only 15 months ago. The community hopes that the appeal will receive a National Lonery donation.

When Maruma hought the island for £1.6 million, he was welcomed by residents who



had fallen out with the previous owner, the businessman Keith Schellenberg.

The island, about seven miles off the mainland, has no artist promised E15 million for a new ferry, housing, a hotel and pier. He also promised a new era of partnership with the community and said that if he ever left he would give them first refusal on the sale.

Islanders learnt of the sale, however, only after being contacted by the media on Thursday. Maruma has visited only twice, has sold most of his estate's livestock and blocked a forestry development which would have provided jobs.

At the end of last year the

committee to consider ways to buy the island after hearing that Maruma was the subject of investment fraud investigations in Stuttgart. In May they held talks with Highland Council and the Scottish Wildlife Trust, which has three reserves on Eigg. The buyout would be through a limited liability partnership.

Neil Willcox, reserves manager of the Scottish Wildlife

Trust, said: "This is not about people whingeing about for-eign owners. What we are keen to do here is to provide a secure and stable future for all the people. It's an effort to end the uncertainty."
Maggie Fyffe, 47, a crofter

and secretary of the Eigg Trust, said: "It is a turning point for Eigg. We're sick and tired of private landlords. We believe we can do better."

In 1993 the crofting community of Assynt, near Lochinver, raised £300,000 in bank loans and grants to buy 20,000 acres of the North Assynt estate. Bill Ritchie, 55, an Assynt crofter who is an officer with the Crofters Commission. said: "There is widespread anger that our land and assets can be traded on the international market as a commodity."

Farhad Vladi, the Hamburg-based dealer who handled the sale of Eigg to Maruma, has been called in again to assist the agents Knight Frank in Edinburgh. Colin Strang Steel, of Knight Frank, said: "I expect there will be interest from the Far East and from America as well as from Britain, and of course there is the possibility that the islanders themselves might buy the island."

Maruma was unavailable for comment.

Leading article, page 21 of crime. Pat Byrne, the



Identical twins achieve a degree of similarity

IDENTICAL twins who mirrored each other's academic achievements at school have been awarded the same degree results from Cam-

Dominic and Simon
O'Brien, aged 21, took upper
second class degrees in natural science this week and now plan to study for doctorates in bio-chemistry.

The twins, from Alawic Northumberland, passed the same nine GCSEs with A grades and Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry at A level with A grades. They opted for separate colleges at Cambridge, Dominic going to Downing and Simon to Churchill, to establish some independence from each other. However, in their spare time they listened to the same music - Oasis and REM though Dominic played the trumpet and Simon the trombone.

Both were delighted with their degrees and, when they



The twins at school: they passed the same subjects

played a game of tennis together to eelebrate, they called a halt at 6-4, 4-6, 7-7, still inseparable.

"It was just typical," Domi-nic said. "We hadn't played tennis for over a year and when we did there was nothing between us. No one seems surprised any more grades. It's taken for granted. I don't know if there is any big secret. We've both worked equally hard." Simon said that they had been competitive at school but, when they went to separate colleges, they began to live more independent lives. "The same will happen when we return to Cambridge for our PhDs. We will stay in studies, even though we will

Six men held over journalist's killing

By AUDREY MAGEE, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

SIX men have been arrested in connection with the murder in Dublin of the journalist was confident that his team of Dublin of the journalist Veronica Guerin.

The prime suspect in the killing, a millionaire Dublin drug dealer, was not among those arrested, but police hope the men in custody may provide information about him or the gunman hired to kill Ms Guerin.

The six, in their 20s and 30s, are being questioned in separate police stations. Police raided 15 houses in Dublin, Tipperary and Kildare on Thursday and recovered a large sum of money as well as

diaries and letters.
The arrests coincided with emergency government legislation rushed through the Senate yesterday to deal with the country's worsening level 60 detectives would find Ms Guerin's killers.

Mr Byrne met members of the press yesterday in an attempt to improve relations with the media. He said that he intended to bring the Irish police force into the 21st century and build a professional, dedicated force integrated into, and supported by, the

community. Relatives and friends of Ms Guerin gathered at Dublin airport church yesterday for a Mass to commemorate the journalist, who was shot dead a month ago yesterday by a hired gunman. Members of the public also held a vigil and gathered on the dual carriageway on the outskirts of Dublin where Ms Guerin was killed.

Microphones may save dolphins SAVING PORPOISES USING HYDROPHONES

FISHING boats could be fitted with a new development in underwater sound technology

to help to preserve a dwin-dling dolphin population. Scientists alarmed by the number of harbour porpoises trapped and killed in fishing nets every year have created a system using a cluster of up to three underwater microphones, towed from the back f a ship, to detect the animals' high-frequency clicks.

Harbour porpoises are Britain's smallest dolphin, but they are not seen above the waves as frequently as the common dolphin. Fishermen who often set their nets at night can have no idea that porpoises are around until it is too late and the mammals are found dead in the nets. The 'hydrophones" would allow them to know the risk and set their nets elsewhere.

Although scientists and conservationists have little idea

on the size of populations around the British coast, all the evidence is that numbers are declining. About 2,000 porpoises are killed accidentally in the nets each year in the Celtic Sea alone.

Successful tests using the click detector have just been completed off the Pembrokeshire coast, where there is a known population of harbour porpoises. The detector is now to be deployed on the research ship, Song of the Whale, off the Isles of Scilly and in the Celtic Sea during the summer.

Dr Jonathan Gordon, an official with the International Fund for Animal Welfare and a researcher at the Wildlife Conservation Unit, Oxford University, said that harbour porpoises made clicks at 130kHz, while fishing boats and other underwater sounds, including common dolphins,

are at far lower frequencies. Dr Gordon, whose charity has been working with the Institute of Offshore Engineering in Edinburgh, said that the research with the Cornish Fish Producers Organisation

porpoise behaviour around bottom-anchored gill nets. "Theoretically, they should be able to detect the nets, so it is a mystery why so many get entangled". Some researchers believe the porpoises are attracted to the nets. Others wonder if the animals confuse them with seaweed.

The researchers also hope to test various dolphin scarers, including high-frequency

pingers". The research has been given extra urgency with the announcement this week that a 10-year ban on bottom-anwaters is to be lifted. The ban was brought in to protect migratory salmon returning to rivers to spawn.

Helen McLachlan, the RSPCA's senior scientific officer, said: "The Government has failed badly in its duty to protect the harbour porpoise by allowing the Scottish Office to go ahead with this move."



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Woolf report: penalties proposed for litigants who spin out proceedings and browbeat opponents

Civil court reform promises faster, cheaper justice

THE Master of the Rolls announced a revolution in the civil courts yesterday, in which those who seek to exploit the system by gameplaying and delaying tactics will face heavy penalties.

Lord Woolf's reforms to create what he called "a new landscape for civil justice" for the 21st century herald the end of the present lawyer-driven system of litigation, which is expensive and slow. Litigation is to become a last resort. People will be given financial incentives to settle early and to use alternative methods for resolving disputes, such as

Judges are to end exploitation of the civil system by litigants who seek to grind down their opponents with oppressive and unreasonable tactics. They will be penalised with extra costs and big inter-

Lord Woolf said yesterday: "Litigation must be conducted not for the convenience of the lawyers, but for the convenience of the parties." Judges will take on a new role in managing cases and dictating their pace and shape, setting timetables and limiting the

costs that litigants can run up. Financial incentives to settle disputes before they reach court will include extra interest of up to 25 per cent, charged on top of costs. for refusing a settlement offer which is matched at trial,

The present civil justice system benefits

lawyers more than clients, with legal

costs often exceeding the value of a

claim, according to a survey commis-

Among low-value claims, the average

costs consistently amounted to more

than 100 per cent of the value of the

claim itself. In the next band — cases involving between £12,500 and £25,000

- average costs ranged from 40 per

sioned for the Woolf report.

MAIN POINTS

Litigation to be a last resort, with litigants en-couraged to settle

Judges to become trial managers, setting timetables, capping costs and imposing sanctions

Alternative dispute resolution to be encouraged through information points and legal aid

New opportunity for offers to settle, enforced by sanction of higher erest rates on costs Three trial tracks, including a fast track for disputes up to £10,000 with fixed costs of £2,500,

a 30-week timetable and three-hour hearings Single set of rules for all civil courts and new trial centres Computerisation of courts and training programme for judges

or excessive demands for information, will not be tolerat-ed, Lord Woolf said. Sanctions will include immediate orders to pay costs or extra interest.

The 300-page report, the result of two years' work by Lord Woolf and his team, recommends a new structure covering both county courts and the High Court, with a single set of rules and new civil trial centres around the

cent to 95 per cent of the value of the highlights the second main defect of the

tracks for disputes: the small claims court for cases involving up to £3,000; a fast track for sums up to £10,000; and a multitrack for bigger and more complex cases.

Announcing the measures yesterday, Lord Woolf said that the reforms would end the present "trial by combat", which encouraged unreasonable behaviour. The new system will be simpler, more accessible and more flexible.

Cases will be handled in a way proportionate to their value and complexity, will provide certainty over the costs and length of proceed-ings, and will give equality between parties so that a wealthy litigant cannot exploit the weaker.

"Our system no longe serves any section of the public in the way it should," he said. The quality of the courts' rulings were as good, if not better, than elsewhere. "But this is not enough if it is unaffordable, or if its costs are disproportionate, or if its delays are excessive so that it does not serve the interests of those who need justice."

Individuals and small businessness, as well as large commercial concerns, were let down by the system, he added. The new system will mean a reform both in the civil courts'

structure and in the attitude of judges and lawyers. Judges would have to become robust in taking a tough line to ensure timetables and court



Lord Woolf announcing yesterday his vision of "a new landscape for civil justice"

than would otherwise apply.

Lord Woolf emphasised that

the sanctions are intended

primarily as prevention rather

threat of a "prompt, relevant

punishment to prevent the

offence" is needed, he says.

Judges will also have to "de-

velop a more robust approach

to the task of managing cases

On the multitrack for the

more complex cases, estimates

of costs will be published by

the court or agreed by the

litigants and approved by the

court. For cases of lower value,

or which are less complex.

there will be a special stream-

lined track within the

multitrack, with a no-frills

The task of allocating a

dispute to a track will be taken

by procedural judges (the dis-

trict judges) and they will take

account of the parties' finan-

cial circumstances. But in

general, the tight timetables

and limited procedures wil

wealthy litigants such as big

corporations to gain tactical

advantage over their oppo-

nents by throwing more

money into the action, the

☐ Access to Justice - final

report by Lord Woolf, Master

of the Rolls, to the Lord

Chancellor on the civil justice

system in England and Wales

Leading article, page 21

report says.

(HMSO; £19.95)

procedure and set budgets.

and ensuring that their orders

are not flouted".

orders were adhered to, Lord Woolf said. At present these were flouted with impunity.

The rules are totally disregarded because we have a culture in which lawyers are allowed to conduct the pro-ceedings as they wish," he

To bolster the new principle that litigation is a last resort. there will be new "pre-action protocols", setting out what information the parties should

system: delay. Most cases lasted 20 to 35

months, but personal injury cases had

a median period of 54 months, and

The report expresses concern that if the case is simple and legally aided the

time is even longer. The longest cases were the 54 per cent which settled out of

court, taking between 42 and 48 months. Those which went to trial - 25

per cent of the sample - took an

average of 25 months.

medical negligence cases 61 months.

give one another about their cases and on what time scale. These would encourage openness, co-operation and early formation would be provided on other ways of resolving a dispute - "alternative dispute resolution" - and legal aid would be provided for such

methods. At pre-trial hearings, courts will encourage the use of alternative dispute resolution and will take into acount any unreasonable refusal to try it.

An important proposal is the opportunity for a person bringing a claim to make an offer to settle all or part of the dispute. If the defendant refuses but the offer is matched or exceeded at trial. the claimant will be able to recoup extra interest on his damage

This will be 25 per cent, on top of the normal interest rate payable, for damages up to El0,000; 15 per cent for damages of £10,000-£50,000; and 5 per cent on damages above

Lord Woolf said: "If an insurance company is faced with a reasonable offer to settle a claim of £10,000 and they know that if they don't they could pay the total damages plus 35 per cent interest, they will settle."

When cases do go to trial, all proceedings will be started in the same way under one set of rules. At present there are eight ways of commencing proceedings. All cases will proceed according to fixed timetables monitored by the

Instead of both parties automatically instructing their own expert witnesses, a single expert appointed by both par-ties will be used where

The Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, has already lifted the small claims court limit to £3,000. On the fast track for handling most disputes up to £10,000, cases will be heard within a tight timetable of 30 weeks. Legal fees will be limited to a guideline maximum of £2,500. More than that would not be recoverable by the winning party. Trials will normally last no more than three hours, and an absolute maximum of one

The courts will apply strict sanctions to stop "game play-ing and oppressive behaviour", and to punish litigants who do not comply with procedures or timetables. These will include striking out an entire claim or part of it; ordering costs to be paid immediately; and imposing a higher rate of interst on costs



way on smaller claims

JUDGES AND NEW TECHNOLOGY

Three or four new civil trial centres in the regions, with a senior civil judge heading each centre and its satellite courts, are envisaged under the reforms. These centres will be run in a new partnership between judges and court administrators. Sir Richard Scott, the Vice-Chancellor, has been appointed Head of Civil Justice and he will have overall responsibility for the new system. The report recommends radical changes in the work of judges, with a programme to retrain them for their new task of hands-on management of cases. They will be encouraged to concentrate on fewer areas of work, such as medical negligence or housing without becoming single-subject

At the heart of the reforms is a technological revolution. Judges will be able to follow and manage cases in the county courts by computer. They would be given more administrative assistance from clerks so they can carry out their new judicial tasks, and more time for reading. Lord Woolf makes no estimate of the costs, but said yesterday that although it would "not be peanuts", much of it would derive from redeployment of existing funds and that fewer and shorter trials would mean savings. The costs should not be exaggerated," be said. Computerisation of the courts, which is now being prepared, would free court staff of much routine work and enable them to help judges.

ETICANTS

Litigants will have far greater control over the pace and costs of proceedings. At the outset, lawyers will have to tell them of charges and the basis for charging. They will also be told of other methods to resolve the dispute. In complex cases, litigants will attend "management conferences" to decide how the case will be run and the central issues. This would enable them to make better-informed decisions and exert more control over what is done on their behalf, Lord Woolf said. When costs orders are made because of a breach of a court order or timetable, the litigant would be sent the order so he is aware of his right to apply to recover the costs from his lawyer. Courts will also provide more help to litigants through advice schemes.

MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE

A specialist court to handle medical negligence cases proposed, with expert judges sitting at the High Court in London and around the country. Lord Woolf says that many medical negligence claims would be too complex and lengthy for the new fast-track system, for disputes concerning less than £10,000, and the "case management" approach. He suggests a pilot study to look at ways of litigating smaller claims. The report says there must also be a more co-operative approach between claimants and defendants and defendants and suggests a new umbrella organisation to promote this. Lord Woolf says solicitors must advise would-be litigants on alternatives, such as mediation and

HOUSING

Housing cases should be handled by specialist judges who should visit council estates as part of their training. Challenges to decisions by local authorities on homelessness, which can at present be made only by way of judicial review in the High Court in London, should be dealt with locally by county courts. The report also calls for a two-stage procedure for rent possession actions. The first would lead to a court order for repayment of arrears without a hearing. Non-compliance would lead to a hearing stage, which could result in a possession order. It recommends quicker procedures to evict anti-social tenants, with better protection for witnesses scared to testify because of intimidation threats.

A contingency legal-aid fund financed by claimants is proposed for multiparty actions brought by large-scale accident or drug victims. The fund could be started by the Government, then draw income, perhaps as a percentage levy on successful claimaints. It would be available to other multiparty litigants, not just those with incomes low enough to qualify for legal aid. A single "managing" judge would be appointed to handle any multiparty action from the start, with help from a lawyer who is an expert in the field acting as a deputy. In some cases a legally aided person's liability for costs could be fixed in advance for the entire case. In return, they would contribute to the fund at key stages of the proceedings.

TEGAL COSTS : 1 2 2

daim. To put it another way, the

present system provides higher benefits

to lawyers than to their clients," the

report says. "It is only when the claim

value is over £50,000 that the average

combined costs of the parties are likely

The proposals to turn judges into

trial managers, controlling costs and the pace of litigation, is expected to

tackle high costs. The survey also

to represent less than the claim."

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Teachers offered training to make school trips safer

By David Charter and Peter Foster

subsequent trip to Spain, all

pupils were issued with per-sonal attack alarms and told

to keep them on their person

day and night.
Without wishing to dimin-

ish the seriousness of what happened in Normandy, it

would be wrong to make a

knee-jerk reaction and decide

not to go on school trips at all.

The tragic death of Caroline Dickinson has highlighted

safety issues and parents are

right to be concerned. But the

guidelines governing school

trips are kept under constant review and we hope that

parents will continue to trust

Mr Roberts said the possi-

bility of giving teachers more

formal training on security

issues for foreign trips was

worth investigating. Currently staff are issued with a 125-page guide from Buckinghamshire

County Council giving advice on taking school trips in this

country and abroad.

in them.

TRAVEL companies are to and people with little or no provide training for teachers in how to reduce the risks to children on foreign trips. Organisers said that the courses, due to begin in the autumn, were made necessary by the "haphazard" approach to safety by some local

authorities. More than one million school trips are organised every year. There are no detailed national or European safety standards for school trips and every local authority has to issue its own advice to its schools. The School and Travel Group Association, which represents school travel firms, some local authorities and teacher associations and is organising the courses, called yesterday for more uni-

Gillian Gilycad, director of the association, said that local authority safety guidelines ranged from relaxed to so restrictive that it put schools off taking trips abroad. "Some local authorities set hardly guidelines whatsoever



Caroline Dickinson: was killed on trip to France

experience are allowed by their head teacher to take groups on trips. With some, you might feel it is more by good luck than good manage-ment that they get back." Travel company experts and

experienced school-party leaders will run the training sessions to show teachers how to minimise risks by identifying hazardous situations. The courses were being prepared before the rape and murder of Caroline Dickinson, the 13year-old from Launceston College, Cornwall, as she slept in a French hostel dormitory last week, while on a school

Mrs Gilyend added: "We are concerned to see more uniform standards and much more awareness on the part of travel companies and party leaders as to the inherent hazards and risks on any particular trip."

However, she said it would be very difficult to prevent isolated tragedies, such as Caroline's death. French regulations stipulated that outside hostel doors be kept unlocked in case of fire. She added: "It is very difficult to cater for every possible eventuality. With the best will in the world, there are certain things you cannot guard against'

A month before Caroline's murder, four 13-year-old girls from a school in Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, fought off three youths who climbed into their hostel Grandcamp-Maisy, Normandy, stealing a watch and camera and indecently as-saulting one of the girls. Yesterday John Roberts, chairman of the school's governors, said that safety procedures had now been reviewed. "On a



Douglas Hogg at yesterday's fair, at which he defended field sports

Hogg gives ministerial backing to field sports

THE Agriculture Minister, Douglas Hogg, vesterday de-clared himself and his col-leagues passionate defenders of field sports.

Mr Hogg spoke out at a game fair at Grimsthorpe Castle, Lincolnshire, where he said that field sports generated a vital £2.7 billion for countryside communities on top of their contribution to the

rural way of life. Mr Hogg said: "My minis-terial colleagues and I are passionate defenders of field sports. I shoot and I fish. I do not hunt - at least not yet but I resolutely champion the rights of those who do."

Tony Banks, Labour MP for Newham North West, said that the £2.7 billion figure was not statistically provable and had been plucked from the air: "Mr Hogg is allowing himself to be used by the British Field Sports Society and is just spouting their propaganda. He would be better trying to sort out the total mess he has made over BSE than to be used as a crude mouthpiece for a bunch of bloodthirsty





The field latrines had four sitting places. One morning when I was minding my

own business, a lance corporal sitting next to me turned and said: 'How's it going, Brigadier?' I was never quite certain what he meant . . . 9

On the sixth anniversary of Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait, Patrick Cordingley, commander of the Desert Rais, remembers the horror and the humour of the Guif War



Playgroup must pay sacked leader £1,800

playgroup have been told to have to find the money." pay nearly £1,800 to the leader

The women had taken a vote of no confidence in Sue Cooke's ability to run the preschool group, which is held in a mobile classroom next to a primary school. A tribunal ruled that she had been unfairly dismissed.

Christine Flood, 40, a member of the management committee at Wroxall. Isle of Wight, said afterwards: "We are very upset and bitter. The worst thing was walking out of the tribunal, wondering how we would tell our husbands. We are all volunteers

SIX mothers who run a village and they're the ones who will

Helen Downer, another member of the committee, told the industrial tribunal in Southampton that the main concern was lack of liaison between Mrs Cooke and the primary school's reception

The tribunal concluded that the management committee had failed to prove that Mrs Cooke was incapable of per-forming her duties. They awarded her £1,783 for loss of earnings. She said afterwards: "I was never given a real reason for my dismissal and I don't know to this day what the problems were."



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TWA tape points to bombing, says Lockerbie expert

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

A FORMER FBI chief said plained sound recorded in the cockpit on TWA Flight 800 bore all the hallmarks of the Lockerbie disaster and indicated an abrupt systems failure caused by a bomb.

A statement by Oliver Revell, who led the Pan Am Flight 103 investigation in 1988, came as divers located two engines from the TWA aircraft on the seabed off the coast of Long Island. At the same time. Louis Freeh, the FBI director, hastily arranged a trip to New York for briefings and what was described as a "pep talk" for agents now involved in a worldwide criminal search for possible

Officially, the investigation team headed by the National Transportation Safety Board continued to say that a missile attack or a mechanical failure were still being treated as possible reasons for the accident in which all 230 passengers and crew died last week.

However, Mr Revell, the former deputy director of operations at the FBI who supervised the Lockerbie investigation, said the unusual sound at the end of the TWA voice recording appeared to match a noise he had heard six years ago. "It seems to me to be very similar." said Mr

FROM JAMES BONE

THE crash of TWA Flight 800

has forced the disclosure of

one of publishing's best-kept

secrets: the subject of Michael

house announced a "new nov-

el" by the Jurassic Park author

in its autumn catalogue with-

out giving any details of the

topic. The book is due to be

published in America on De-

Trinity Road, Halifax

The Knopf publishing

Crichton's next blockbuster.

Revell. "What was on the tape of TWA Flight 800 is certainly indicative of a catastrophic failure, probably caused by an explosive device inside or outside the aircraft."

The Pan Am cockpit recorder had ended in a sudden shrill noise, the signal of a total and abrupt shutdown of the Boeing 747's systems. Mr Revell suggested that the Flight 800 tragedy was caused by a bigger bomb than in the Lockerbie case "or it was strategically placed near the wing of the aircraft where its fuel tanks are".

Investigators hope the two engines discovered yesterday may provide further clues about the disaster. Cranes were expected by last night to have recovered the large turbines, weighing between 7,000 and 9,000lbs, and the safety board said experts were ready to start an analysis.

The FBI played down the sudden visit by Mr Freeh to New York and said the special briefings for the director did not mean the bureau was ready to declare the crash had been caused by a bomb. Nevertheless, as soon as the jet went down, the CIA activated its counter-terrorist centre, the National Security Agency began reviewing electronic in-tercepts and the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force estab-

Air disaster novel revealed

cember 5 with an initial print

The publicity about the

TWA crash has prompted

Knopf to reveal that the sub-

ject of Crichton's book will be

an air disaster, told through

the eyes of a television news

team investigating the cause of a crash. Titled Airframe.

the novel will delve into the

anticipating headlines — al-

though dinosaurs have yet to

Crichton has a knack of

airliner parts industry.

run of two million.

lished its command posts. You can't wait until there's proof of sabotage to begin an investigation," said James Kallstrom, the assistant FBI director at the scene. "Because if I do have a terrorist here, it's another day's head start that this individual has."

☐ Lawsuits possible: Relatives of the TWA crash victims are considering suing the airline for negligence in the belief that the plane was bombed, and some have already hired lawyers who worked on the Lockerbie case.

Andrew Siben, a Long Island lawyer, said that five families had contacted him. accusing TWA of failing to take adequate security measures to prevent a bomb being placed on the plane. Mr Siben said his prospective clients wanted the "dust to settle" before filing suit, but added that he thought the relatives could establish TWA was

guilty of "wilful misconduct" if a security breach were found. Lee Kreindler, the leading lawyer in the Lockerbie litigation, has already been hired by the families of five victims the TWA crash. Mr Kreindler said he was not convinced that TWA Flight 800 had been brought down by a bomb, and thought

malfeasance by a Japanese

firm in California, appeared

in the midst of trade tension

Disclosure, the story of a

male employee who is ha-

rassed by his female boss, was

published just as sexual har-

assment became a hot topic on

"It's uncanny how Michael does this," Sonny Mehta, Knopf's editor-in-chief, told

television talk shows.

between the US and Japan.

killers effectively," said Colo-nel Longin Minani after President Buyoya's speech. 15 per cent of the population has been steadily eroded by massacres at the hands of Hutus since widespread slaughter in 1993 after the return. Rising Sun, about

army's murder of the first

Hutu president. However,

Fear rules

Burundi

as Hutus

cower in

capital

IN SLUTUMBURA

"WE cannot go out. If the

Tutsis recognise you as com-ing from Kamenge, it's over

for you," said Ferdinand, a

Hutu refugee living with

3,500 others of his tribe in a

former mental asylum effect-

ively under siege in Burun-di's capital, itself an ethnic

enclave for Tutsis in a country

in which everyone is sur-

rounded by fear.
Yesterday Major Pierre
Buyoya, who seized the presi-

dency in an internationally condemned Tutsi-led military

coup on Thursday, did noth-

ing to reduce the terror at the

heart of Burundi. He prom-

ised: "We are going to be very,

very strict.
"A lack of strictness is what

has brought us to this point

and we are not going to allow it to go on," he told a half filled

with his glamorously dressed

For them, President

Buyoya offered a clear plan to

do away with an ineffective

government under his de-

posed Hutu predecessor Sylvestre Ntibantunganya, and allow the army to battle

"We have been subjected to

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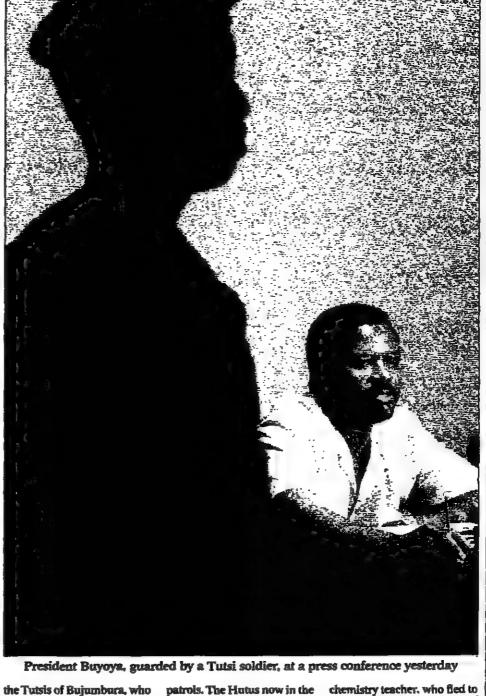
will be able to combat the

with the Hutus.

Tutsi hardline supporters.

Hutus have also been killed in large numbers by the army. The Tutsis want to kill us all, or trample us into submission. They cannot get over their sense of racial superiority, and want to have a monoethnic state." Ferdinand said. The putsch against the coalition Government of Hutu and Tutsi parties has

been received with delight by .



the Tutsis of Bujumbura, who have lived under a night-time curfew for two years and have grown used to an isolated life in the lakeside town — which is fed by Hutu farmers who dare enter the city market only in daylight, and flee to the surrounding hills by night to avoid being caught by Tutsi

Many have no idea that rural Tutsis have to live in camps guarded by the army while Hutus camp in the bush and farm fearfully when they are able to avoid military

patrols. The Hutus now in the Johnson psychiatric hospital were driven out of the Kamenge Hutu ghetto in a series of army attacks two years ago, and are the only members of their tribe who

dare live in the city.

"Buyoya is President of Bujumbura only. His power does not extend beyond the city limits. He is not the President of Burundi because the country has become ungovernable. The only way to put an end to the killings is to egotiate," said a former

the Johnson clinic in fear of his own high school students. More than 150,000 Burundians on both sides have been killed since 1993, provoking calls at the United Nations and Organisation of African Unity for a peacekeeping force. So far there have been no offers of troops by Western nations, but it appears that

Ugandan, Tanzanian and

Ethiopian soldiers may be

sent in.

Thatcher admirers will sail true blue waters

OLD habits die hard for faithful Republican followers of Baroness Thatcher, who will join the former Prime Minister on board a yacht off the coast of South Carolina next month for a brief shot of true conservatism before heading to their party's national convention in San

General Colin Powell, the former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Caspar Weinberger, the former Defence Secretary, are to accompany Sir Denis and Lady Thatcher on The Highlander, the luxurious 151ft cruiser owned by Steve Forbes, the multimillionaire publisher.

The Margaret Thatcher Foundation, for security reasons, is guarded about their mentor's latest American visit but said that she had been invited as a guest of Mr Forbes and his wife, Sabina. Robert Higdon, the foundation's American director, said: "It's a private holiday and the foundation is not involved. But (imagine the conversation may concern current events."

General Powell will welcome the opportunity to dine with the woman he has admired for so long. The general has accepted a prime speaking slot on the first night of the convention to outline his vision of America in the 21st century, a subject on which Lady Thatcher is rarely silent.

For his part, Mr Forbes may wish to discuss his distinctly Thatcherite plan for a flat tax which initially had proved so popular when he ran as a presidential candidate during the Republican primaries before withdrawing in March.

The former Prime Minister, who effectively endorsed the brief Forbes candidacy, was a guest on board The Highlander in 1993 and he attended her 70th birthday celebration in Washington last year. A picture of the two was given pride Leading article, page 21 headquarters in New Jersey.

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Mandela sacks deputy minister

From Inigo Glumor IN JOHANNESBURG

PRESIDENT Mandela yesterday dismissed an outspoken deputy minister in a move that has again raised concern about his style of leadership and the commitment of South Africa's ruling African National Congress to its professed ideals of transparency and

Mr Mandela, in a short written statement, said that "after due consultation" he

had decided to relieve General Bantu Holomisa of his responsibilities as Deputy Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism. No reasons were given. Parks Mankahlana, the President's spokesman, said Mr Mandela was not compelled to give reasons.

One ANC source said the sacking was the culmination of a series of "acts of political indiscretion". A party maverick on the populist wing of the ANC, General Holomisa, the former military ruler of the

partneid-era i ranskei noi land, is a close ally of the President's former wife. Winnie, and has clashed publicly with Mr Mandela several times.

However, recent bribe accusations against Stella Sigcau, formerly a Prime Minister of Transkei and now Public Affairs Minister, appear to have precipitated the general's dismissal. The ANC reacted furiously to his allegations.

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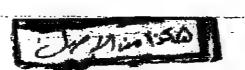
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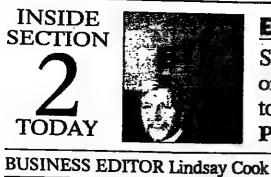
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been terminated."

Amstrad shares plummeted

from 189p to 160p on the news and continued to fall, reaching

154p, in after-market trading.

available for comment. .

UK ECONOMIC growth was

unexpectedly weak in the sec-ond quarter, leaving open the possibility of a further cut in

GDP rose 0.4 per cent com-

pared with the previous quar-

ter, taking the annual growth rate to 1.8 per cent, according to

preliminary data published by the Office for National Statis-

The City had been expecting
GDP growth of about 22 per

cent and economists concluded

that the sluggish growth rate may allow Kenneth Clarke, the

Chancellor of the Exchequer, to

cut rates after his next meeting

interest rates next week.



Alan Sugar, left, and David Potter were unable to agree on a price for Amstrad. Mr Sugar said he was not now planning any new strategic moves

Amstrad deal collapses as Psion walks away

group, to Psion collapsed late cari-born chairman, gave no panies failed to reach agreement on the price. Psion's decision to back out is a blow to Mr Sugar, who owns 36 per cent of Amstrad and stood to gain about £80 million from the takeover.

Psion, the palm-top computer maker best known for Series 3a organisers, and Amstrad had discussed a deal that valued Amstrad at no less. £230 million, equivalent to

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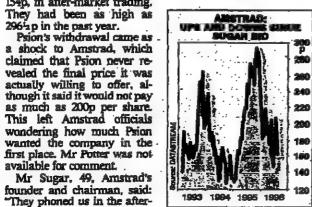
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Pay protest

United Utilities, the multiutility at the centre of an executive pay storm, faced hprecedented shareholder anger over its long-term incentive plan. A number of institutional shareholders, along with small shareholders attending the annual meeting, voted against the plan. Page 26

ALAN SUGAR'S plan to sell 200p a share. Psion, headed by noon and said they were Amstrad, the electronics David Potter, the South Afri- willing to offer substantially willing to offer substantially less than than the price they tions and insisted there was no and that they knew we would reject a lower offer . I just think they got cold feet in the room for compromise. It said: Such discussions have now

> Mr Sugar insisted that the due diligence process uncov-ered no "hidden time bombs"



Weak growth leaves

rate cut option open

most economists believe that.

the Chancellor will wait until

autumn to make any further rate cuts as there is a danger

that rekindled inflation may

force rate increases before the

The Chancellor also re-

ceived a stark warning from

the IMF that Britain's recent

"enviable" economic record is

under threat from the over-

shoot in the public sector

borrowing requirement and

rising consumer spending. The IMF, in its annual review

of the UK economy, urged the

Chancellor to rule out any

further tax and interest rate

£100 million in cash," he said. PSiON SINO ANDSITAD PEVERIEU that they were in talks on June

25. Psion was largely attracted to Dancall, Amstrad's mobilephone subsidiary in Denmark. It wanted to adapt Dancall's digital GSM (global system for mobile) technology for its own products, which would allow the launch of the world's first practical wireless palm-top computers and personal organisers.

Mr Sugar agreed to restructure Amstrad to allow Psion to buy the divisions to which it was most attracted. Amstrad, agreed, for example, to transfer its loss-making consumer electronics business, called ACE, to Betacom, the phonemaker in which Amstrad has a 66 per cent

an inflation rate of 25 per cent for 1997. The Government

blamed the poor figures on the beef export ban, which caused

an estimated 0.1 per cent fall in

GDP. But manufacturing out-put also remained flat and

construction fell for the second

Maurice Fitzpatrick, head of

economics at Chantrey Vella-cott, said GDP would have to

Government's revised forecast

of 2.5 per cent. The Treasury said growth was set to acceler-

ate, but, with companies still

destocking, economists expect the target to be missed.

tive to shareholders. He does not think Amstrad stake. This will still go ahead. Mr Sugar also agreed that he would resign from all the

Amstrad, for its part, is not planning any new strategic moves. Mr Sugar said he will not solicit takeover offers in the wake of Psion's abrupt departure and intends to keep the company intact unless it receives an offer that is attrac-

Nokia or Ericsson.

pany he founded 28 years ago. He would remain only as a

A Psion spokesman said

that Psion would pursue other

opportunities in an effort to

get the digital communica-

tions technology it requires.

Although takeovers are pos-sible, it appears the company is just as likely to reach

licensing agreements with mo-

bile-phonemakers such as

and Psion will ever get together. He said: "It's best to call it a day. This has been a bit of a

Generator warns of dip in earnings

By George Siveral

NATIONAL Power warned shareholders at its annual meeting yesterday that first-half earnings would be some-what less than in the

comparable period last year. But shares in the privatised electricity generator rose 4½ p to 383½ p because analysts had anticipated National Power's problems.

The company is in the fourth year of tightening five-year contracts to buy coal and grow 1.4 per cent in the third quarter and 1.6 per cent in the sell electricity, with the result final quarter to meet the

that guaranteed sales of elec-tricity are falling.

Disposals will help to bias profits towards the second half. The first-half trading period is a week shorter than last year's.

Lloyds TSB staff in the money

BY ROBERT MILLER

with the Governor of the Bank of England on July 30. But GDP growth of 3 per cent and

STAFF at Lloyds TSB may share up to £100 million in year-end bonuses as a result of a sharp rise in profits.

The bank yesterday announced a 12 per cent rise in profits to £1.14 billion for the six months to June 30 and said £50 million has been set aside for its 85,000

At the present rate of profit growth, achieved largely on the back of the £794 million contribution from retail financial services, the £50 million bonus pot could double by the end of the year. Bonus payments are scaled according to annual Chartered and 3i, the investment trust

salary. Underlying pre-tax profits at Lloyds TSB, which formally merged last December, rose 32 per cent in spite of a \$68 million "goodwill" charge arising from the sale of Hill Samuel's corporate hoped to make an announcement finance arm in May. The group said it was on target to make savings from the merger worth £350 million by 1999.

The interim dividend is raised 15 per cent to 4.2p a share, and represents about one third of the likely full year payout. Sir Brian Pitman, group chief execu-tive, said that profits in the comparable

period last year included £193 million from the disposal of stakes in Standard

he hoped to make an announcement about successors to himself and Sir Brian within several months. He added: "It is important to get it right rather than settle it quickly," It is believed that Sir Brian will replace Sir Robin as group chair-man. Contenders for the chief executive's job include Peter Ellwood, Sir Brian's deputy. Lloyds TSB shares closed down

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O'Reilly WEEKEND joins **Mirror**



By East Recally

THE Mirror Group and Independent Newspapers, the Irish media group controlled by Tony O'Reilly, the Heinz chairman, have joined forces to launch a bid for Pearson's Westminster Press division.

Westminster, the regional newspaper group that was placed on the auction block in June, was thought to have attracted no fewer than three bidders by yesterday's

The Mirror-Independent partnership is pitted against Newsquest, the regional newspaper company controlled by Kohlberg Kravis Roberts, the leveraged buyout expert in New York, and CinVen, the

venture capital group.

Midland Independent Newspapers has ruled itself out of the running, although it said yesterday that it was keeping a close eye on the takeover.

Chris Oakley, chief executive of Midland, said: "We would be interested in some of the Westminster titles if the buyer decided to break up the

company."
His comments came as Midland agreed to pay £12 million in cash for Newsquest's Midlands North divison, which publishes seven free newspapers and four turnover of £11.7 million. Pearson, owner of the Fi-

nancial Times, hopes to receive about £300 million for Westminster, whose newspa-pers include the Evening Ar-gus in Brighton and The Northern Echo in Darlington. But analysts think the bids are unlikely to reach that price because many of the Westminster titles are rapidly losing circulation.



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From the wireless age of Marconi to multimedia

ne hundred years ago, on July 27, 1896, Guglielmo Marconi gave the first public demonstration of wireless transmission. From a building on the site now occupied by BT's HQ by St Paul's in the City, he sent a message just 300 yards across the ether and launched the wireless age.

How could he have known then that his brilliant invention would form the basis of a worldwide mass entertainment industry? Not even the most far-sighted observer could have predicted what the development of wireless technology would lead to: news, information, entertainment and all the rest, broadcast on TV and radio to

every part of the globe.

A plaque at BT Centre marks his achievement. I find it both stimulating and faintly alarming. Every morning, as I arrive, it reminds me of the opportunities, issues and challenges involved in understanding, developing and manag-ing new technology. And it is a major part of my job to underopportunities, issues and challenges presented by the longand much-discussed multimedia revolution.

Microprocessor performance doubles every 18 months or so. There is probably more computing power in your personal computer than Nasa had available when it sent men to the Moon. These increases in the capacity and reductions in the cost of computing and communications make it possible to transmit and manipulate information, be it voice, data, text. video or whatever, in greater quantities, at higher speeds and at lower costs. than anyone could have imagined only a few years ago.

So we do not need to wait for the next brilliant invention, we can do a great deal with the technology we have. Business, education and training and entertainment are areas where the impact is already being felt. Recently BT and MCI, our US partner, announced the first fully managed and reliable Internet and learning systems. And BT has been test marketing interactive TV. which brings together phones and TV, giving viewers not only much greater control over what they watch, and when, but also access to banking and shopping facilities from their armchairs.

As technology advances, the range of things it makes possible will advance too. But the implications for customers and the industries that will supply them are much more difficult to predict. Who will the customers be and what will they want? Who will the suppliers be and what will they supply? In a world where a TV programme, phone call, tranche of business data, novel, educational text or video, can be sent down an optic fibre or across a satellite link in digital form, what will the computing, telecommunications, publishing and broadcasting industries look like? Will they even be separate industries at all? There are two ways of looking at the future impact of technology on our everyday lives.



Bonfield

On the one hand, there is what one might call the mutty professor school that takes the view that everything is theoretically possible, and even some things that aren't will inevitably happen. The alterna-tive view could best be summed up by the phrase, "If God had meant us to fly he would never have given us the railways." Oddly enough, this is the view that has, more often than not, greeted developments in

communications technology. For example, when the phone was first developed in the last century. people could see that it was interesting but no one was quite sure how useful it would be. An eminent figure in the Post Office at the time expressed the view that it would not have a future because there were already plenty of telegram boys. And if the phone wasn't for messages what was it for? Ironically, in the light of current developments. one of the earliest services offered was direct relays of plays and concerts to the home. Who says history doesn't repeat itself?

The first large computers were developed for code-breaking in the Second World War. Towards the end of the war the question arose as to whether they had any peacetime uses. Someone, working on the then current assumption that the sole use of computers was to do big sums, worked out that the UK as a whole would never need more than six computers at any one time and so all talk of a computer industry was misplaced.

And so it goes on. In the late 1940s, doubts were expressed as to whether TV would supplant radio as the main broadcast medium. The argument was that you could do something else while listening to the radio, but to watch TV you had to sit down and look at it, and people would never get used to that.

We can learn an important lesson from all of this. These predictions were wrong largely because each new development was seen as a replacement for something that existed rather than as a way of doing new things.

What was missing was any idea that technology would become more widely available - would become accepted, perhaps even welcomed as part of everyday life. If we, in turn, think of multimedia applications only as a way of doing what we do now, only better, we are likely to end up with a view of the future as narrow, uninspired and wrong as those I have described.

The key question is, therefore, not "what is this instead of?" or even what can we as suppliers do now

that we couldn't do before?", but "what can our customers do now that they couldn't do before?" What difference will it make to our lives and our world if, and when, every child has access to every book and every conversation can take place face to face? What are the implications for the way we work, the way we educate ourselves, the way we

organise our society?
The wider dissemination of information opens the door to profound developments. Already the Internet is throwing into sharper focus a whole range of issues: censorship, intellectual property, artistic freedom, the right to privacy. How, and in what forums, these issues will be dealt with is one of the key questions we all face.

If Marconi were to return to haunt BT Centre, I hope he would be pleased with the way that we have built on what he started. And I suspect he would recognise a company, an industry and a society on the brink of enormous change. ☐ Sir Peter Bonfield is chief executive of BT

United board wins pay vote despite shareholder anger

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

UNITED Utilities, the multiutility at the centre of an executive pay storm, yesterday faced unprecedented shareholder anger over its long-

Shareholders owning more than 68 million shares voted by proxy against the plan and investors at the annual meeting in Manchester forced a count on the matter. Three hundred and twenty two shareholders opposed the scheme while 180 endorsed it.

But, with the backing of 129.5 million shares, the controversial incentive plan, which can deliver rewards of 87 per cent on executive salaries, will proceed. On top of that, short-term incentives offer bonuses of 40 per cent of salary. However, with such a level of opposition United is likely to face pressure to modify its plans.

Sir Desmond Pitcher, chairman, told one shareholder

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Shareholders of Hyder, the Welsh super utility, endorsed a package of executives' perks. Share options are to be replaced by a long-term incentive scheme based on the monopoly, he added. company's performance. Unless Hyder reaches 125th position in the FTSE top 250 in three years, directors will get

held in trust over three years. who complained that the package was excessive: "You're just going to have to accept this if you want a good company that is well run and if you want good people running the

no bonuses. If the company

gets to 62nd position or above, they may receive 50 per cent of their basic salary in shares.

company."
United came under fire from PIRC, the investment research group, which had advised its institutional clients to veto the incentive plan. Paul Marsland, representing PIRC.

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said that the plan should be rejected because it made no recognition of customer service achievements. Performance targets should be linked to customer service because the company was a

The plan, known as L-Tip, is linked to United's performance against FT-SE companies. It has been attacked by several institutional shareholders for not exerting sufficient demands on executive performance. However, Sir Desmond argued that the executive pay changes "tie even more strongly the remuneration of executives to your best interest".

After the meeting Brian Staples, chief executive, said that the company wanted to achieve shareholder consensus and would try to accom-modate modifications. It emerged yesterday that under the scheme, executives would be required to own shares to the value of a year's salary.

awarded a 27 per cent pay increase to £300,000 recently, was unrepentant about his pay level aithough he conceded that there should be a debate on the level of remuneration. He added: "I've worked all my life to acquire the skills to be a chief executive of a FT-SE company and I'm not bashful."

The long-term incentive scheme runs over three years. Executives will also benefit



David Parker, left, operations director, and Mike Darrington, managing director, savour rising profits

Gregg lifts profit and beats beef scare

BY FRASER NILLION

GREGG, the baking group, avoided a direct hit from the BSE scare by sharply expand-ing its line of non-beef products in the 24 weeks to June 15, lifting pre-tax profits 5.2 per cent to £4.26 million.

Heavy marketing of its cheese and onion pasties helped to offset Scotland's descrition of its national Scotch pie, sales of which fell two thirds after the beef warning. The pie, regarded as Scotland's second national dish, had previously account-ed for 10 per cent of its Scottish turnover. Sales of Cornish pasties and corned beef snacks were also hit.

Of the 420 Bakers Oven shops bought in 1994, 241 have now been converted to the Greggs. Firstons or Braggs brand. This division saw volume growth of 2.1 per cent in the period, against 0.5 per cent olume growth from the Greggs fascia, which is more reliant on beef-based

Group capital expenditure grew to £5.2 million over the period, due to the refurbishment and relitting operations. Its cash pile grew to £1.8 since the new year.

Overall, turnover was 8.7 per cent ahead at £105 million. The group said that the milder summer had made for good trading, and that sales in savouries were already picking up as effects of the BSE scare died down.

The interim dividend was

9p (8p), paid from earnings of 25.2p per share (23.3p),

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Byte deal may save computer shop jobs

UP TO 180 jobs feared lost after the collapse of Escom UK, the computer retail group, may be saved after it emerged that 42 Escom concessions in Office World shops have been bought by another retail group. Byte Computer Superstores, part of Specialist Computer Holdings, based in Birmingham, said that it had signed a deal with Office World, the out-of-town superstore group, to take over the

About 850 jobs were lost this week after Escom's receivers. Deloitte & Touche, closed the chain of 113 stores and 43 concessions after failing to find a buyer. Escom UK was hit by the problems of its German parent company, which filed for bankruptcy in Germany earlier this month. Escom had already closed 74 UK stores and made 40 head office staff redundant. The company launched in the UK in 1993 and expanded its chain of stores from 27 to more than 200 after the purchase of the former Rumbelows shops in May 1995.

Somerfield delays debut

SOMERFIELD, the supermarket group, is to delay its stock market debut by one week, to August 9, after its decision to cut the issue price from 160p to 145p. The price had been cut once from the 180p to 190p range. The 145p share price values the company at £435 million. The reductions in price came after buying resistance from institutions and the retail market. It emerged yesterday that less than a third of the 60 million shares intended for small investors had been taken up.

Greenock to lose jobs

MORE than 200 jobs are to go at an electronics plant in Scotland by the end of the year. National Semiconductors (UK) of Greenock blamed the redundancies on a worldwide slowdown in the demand for microchips. The Americanowned company said it hoped to reduce the workforce through voluntary redundancies. It is continuing with a £35 million expansion plan at the site and investment in new equipment in expectation of a market upturn next year.

Investment in Wales up

FOREIGN companies invested £910.3 million in Wales during 1995-96, up 44 per cent on the previous year, according to the Welsh Development Agency's annual report. Assisted projects created or safeguarded 15,230 jobs during the year, of which 80 per cent were offered by overseas companies, which now employ a third of the principality's manufacturing workforce. The WDA said it exceeded capital

P&O shows the scars

investment and job creation targets set by the Welsh Office.

FIGURES from P&O show passenger traffic on its key Doverto-Calais route had fallen 14 per cent so far this year. But statistics for the second quarter reveal the impact of competition from Eurotunnel had eased compared with the first three months of the year. P&O said it carried just under 4.1. million passengers in the first six months (4.8 million). Tourist vehicles fell more sharply, by 16.5 per cent to 700,173 (838,940). Freight units fell 6 per cent to 210,794 (215,190).

Thames seeks disposal

BLACK AND VEATCH, the US engineering company, has emerged as the likely buyer of Thames Water's Utag and PWT design and construction businesses. The UK utility company is considering the sale of the businesses after a wide-ranging strategic review of activities outside the core water and sewage operations that was completed in March. Utag, which is based in Germany, and PWT, based in Britain, were acquired as part of the company's ill-fated diversification.

Skipton buys Connell

SKIPTON Building Society has acquired a controlling interest in the 159-strong Connell estate agency chain, together with its financial services arm, from Scottish Widows for E3 million. Connell, which incurred a E2 million loss last year, employs 900 and is most strongly represented in the South and the Midlands.

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fund Shell deal BY CARL MORTISHED

INSPEC has agreed to buy Shell Fine Chemicals for £200 million. The acquisitive chemicals group, which fast month a profits warning, is raising £tôt million in a onefor-two rights issue at 180p.

Existing shares rose lp to 223p. Inspec also announced half-year EI5.7 million pre-tax profits, up from £13.8 million, and confirmed that its Antwerp operations, acquired from BP last year, had been affected by pressure on glycol margins and lower sales of ENB, a raw material for synthetic rubber.

John Hollowood, the inspec chairman, said Shell Fine Chemicals would strengthen and diversify the Inspec portiolio, reducing its exposure to commodity chemicals, including glycol and ENB, from 30 per cent to 16 per cent of group profits. Shell said the businesses had a limited strategic fit within its core business.

Shell Fine Chemicals achieved sales of £166 million and a £27.5 million operating profit before exceptional costs last year, with 60 per cent contributed by its businesses in the UK where it employs about 400 people.

The group of companies makes more than 100 products and is the world leader in para-Cresol, an intermediate chemical used in anti-oxidants such as BHT, a component of animal feeds. Shell Fine Chemicals is also the leading producer of Sulfolane, a solvent used in extracting impurities from natural gas. Shell Fine Chemicals also has operations on the Continent and in Chile and Brazil

Lex interims at eight-year high

LEX SERVICE, Britain's biggest motor dealer, yesterday reported its highest interim profits for eight years and named Andrew Harrison, currently a director at Courtaulds Textiles, as its new chief executive

Lex lifted pre-tax profits by 26 per cent to £27.7 million in the six months to June 30, which it said showed the first fruits of a £9.8 million restructuring. It has sold all but six of the 26 retail outlets that it put on the auction block in January, for an undisclosed sum. Group sales were 5 per cent

ahead at £812 million, helped by a first-time contribution of £69 million from Multipart. acquired last August. Earnings grew to 17p per share (14.4p), allowing a dividend of 6.4p (5.9p). The truck division was hit by the national slump

in demand, taking underlying profits down 26 per cent to £1.7 million. Profits in the forklift truck division fell slightly to £6.4 million.

Lex this week secured an outsourcing deal for the RAF's non-military cars, trucks and vans in the first mainland fleet contract agreed under the Private Finance Initiative. The deal is thought to be worth

£355 million a year. Lex Vehicle Leasing, half owned by Lombard North Central, is to buy 2,700 of the RAF's 20,000-strong "White" administration road fleet, taking its total vehicle count above 75,000. It will lease the vehicles back to the RAF, taking reponsibility for their upkeep. The MoD said the move will save it £17 million a year.

Civil servants suffer low morale despite shake-up

Treasury in the doldrums

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

CIVIL SERVANTS at the Treasury continue to suffer low morale and lack faith in the department's leadership despite a shake-up in the department's organisation. But there has been a big improvement in levels of job satisfaction, relations with immediate managers and feelings about the reforms in general. according to an independent study of staff attitudes.

The study, carried out by International Survey Research, follows up an earlier poll conducted in 1994 shortly after Sir

Terry Burns, the department's Permanent Secretary, announced a re-organisation of management structure.

Roger Maitland, managing-director of

ISR, said the discrepancy in attitudes was common in an organisation undergoing major change where staff often band together, improving some general team attitudes, but feel alienated from senior management. Mr Maitland added: "In some areas these results are as good as those in high performing organ In other areas there has been less improvement but this is a normal pattern for organisations in transition."

Reforms include cutting the number of pay bands from ZI to 5 and reducing staff by 330 to 925 since 1994. As a result, the Treasury has cut running costs by about 14 per cent in real terms to £57.3 million since 1993-94. But the number of respondents who believe morale is high has risen only from 7 per cent to 8 per cent during this period, while 14 per cent were Expurable about the department's leadership, a rise of just 3 percentage points. Sir Terry said: "The results of the survey

are heartening. But there are still many areas of concern including career development and some other personnel issues."

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A WORKING WEEK FOR: MARTIN BRACKENBURY

Travelling man revels in voyage of discovery

Marianne Curphey talks to a director of Britain's largest travel group who believes mass tourism can confer welcome benefits

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Thursday F<u>riday</u>

BRITAIN'S annual holiday season is in Tuesday full flow, raising the question of whether the most beautiful parts of the world can be saved from package tourists, fish-and-chip parlours, noisy bars and gift shops.

Martin Brackenbury, who runs Britain's largest travel group, thinks so. He believes that he has a neat way to work out whether tourism is destroying a region's culture — if tourists outnumber residents by three to one, shops, bars and facilities then start to reflect the tastes of visitors, not locals.

A nice idea. But could such a simple equation have benefited Majorca, once an island of simple fishing villages, which grew during the 1970s and 1980s into one of the most popular holiday resorts in the

Mediterranean?
Mr Brackenbury believes so, but then as director of development for Thomson its travel empire spans tour operating, the Lunn Poly travel agency. Britannia charter airline and a domestic holiday cottage business — he is acutely aware of the need to defend the industry from the allegation that mass tourism wreaks havoc on a country's culture.

"Most local people in these resorts want change: they want the money to have a decent standard of living and to send their children to university," he says. "Our research shows that very few want to remain as they are: in Majorca it is the expatriates who now resist the growth of tourism." he

that tourism will bring, and should be able to assess whether they want it or not.

There are a lot of what I call do-

gooders, the woolly sock brigade, who want to impose a status quo upon local people. At heart, they are neo-colonialists who do not want change."

He admits that mistakes were made in Majorca and that lessons have been learnt. The resort has recently undergone something of a renaissance: unsightly tower-blocks have been dismantled, trees have been planted and the beach has been cleared up. "Not a drop of raw sewage ends up in the sea," he says proudly. "The system has been completely overhauled."

It is a sensitive subject. The tourism versus culture debate has been raging within the travel industry for the past decade. Mr Brackenbury and his colleagues in the package-tour business pour scorn on the claims of the "green" lobby, which alleges that mass travel is rapidly turning the world into a global theme park for the entertainment of the wealthy at the expense of the poor.

Pressure groups like Tourism Concern (TC) have been urging Britons to boycott Burma because of its human rights record. TC has drawn up a checklist of questions for travellers with a conscience to put to travel agents before they book: is the hotel taking water from local people, is the sanitation system adequate, are

local people paid a decent wage?

Mr Brackenbury, on the other hand, believes travel can help to bring injustice to light. As chairman of the Federation of Tour Operators, an organisation which represents UK travel companies, and president of the International Federation of Tour Operators (IFTO), which brings together tour operators from around the world, he is more widely travelled than the average Briton.

1FTO has over the years taken the view that it would make no judgment about the regimes and if people wanted to go to a particular country, they should be all-owed to make that choice," Mr Brackenbury says. "Tourism has opened people's eyes to the world and helped to bring about changes. My personal view about Burma is that the Opposition leader is wrong: it is not possible to dictate what people see when they are there."
His theory of the benefit of change

comes from 16 years in the travel industry and a degree in social anthropology from Cambridge. After work-

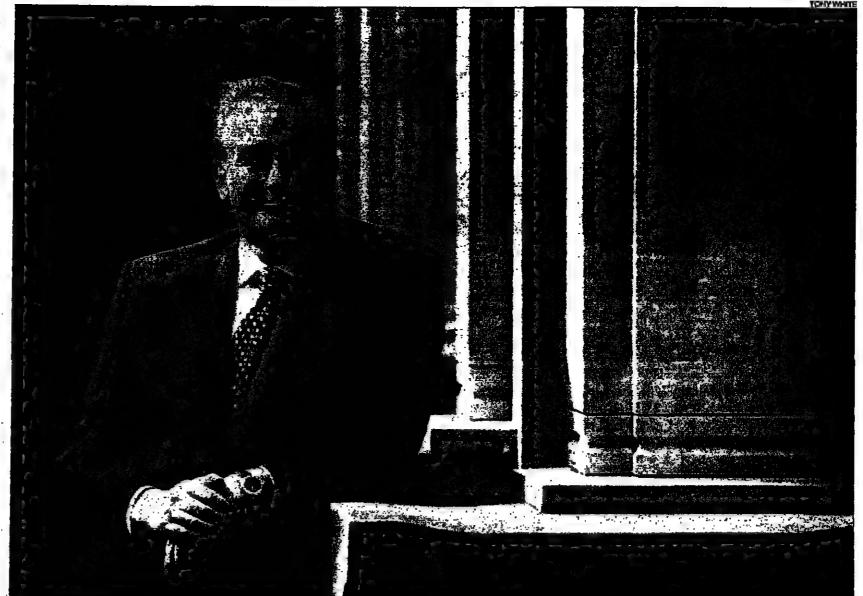
ing as a management consultant in the 1970s. he joined Thomson as personnel director in 1980 and worked his way up through the organisation, becoming director of development and human resources in 1989, a post that makes him joint number two in the company, under Paul Brett.

says. "I believe that local people should have the information about the changes a job that takes him all round the globe on a regular basis.

In fact, he is so used to travelling, that he often visits four countries in as many weeks. He has just returned from ministerial meetings in China and Mexico, where he spent hours with top-level officials and tourism representatives. Such trips, he says, often last just three days and leave him exhausted.

"It is incredibly tiring, but I carry on because I feel my work is effective and enjoyable. Sometimes though I feel I need a rest - this is not a rate of work one can keep up for ever. I think the effects of all this travelling will show up on photographs of me." He is 52, immaculately dressed, but certainly looking tired at our morning meeting, which he has managed to fit in amid a hectic schedule in Britain that includes a day trip by air shuttle to the North of England where is he an external examiner for a university.

Then there is a dinner in the evening and a meeting at the House of Commons. When he does get time to relax, he spends it in the company of his Italian wife of 29



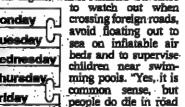
Martin Brackenbury: "I believe locals should be informed about the changes tourism will bring, and should be able to assess whether they want it"

years, whom he met at Cambridge. He also confesses that, in spite of his schedule, he got caught up in the excitement of Wimbledon: The best view is the one you get while watching the match on the television, but I sometimes go down there just to remind myself what the grass looks like, and to enjoy the atmosphere."

The couple meet friends for meals and go to the cinema, pursuits they have always loved. They also travel. You would think, with my job, that I would want to stay at home but my wife is an avid traveller and we go away a lot," he says. "She thrives on it, and I love to be with someone who is so enthusiastic."

They bought their home in Chiswick, west London, in 1973, and Mr. Brackenbury's only disappointment is that over the years the region has become less culturally diverse. For a man so interested in other cultures the predominance of the white middle class is a cause for regret. "I have watched it change: when I first moved in it was not so suburban as it is now."

Much of his work for the FTO seems to involve saving British holidaymakers from themselves. He shows me an educational video soon to be seen on charter flights, which reminds travellers



children near swimhursday ming pools. Yes, it is common sense, but people do die in road accidents and in the sea on holiday and we want to remind

them that just because they are on holiday, they still need to take care." Meanwhile, Mr Brackenbury has not lights on a particularly treacherous I'd like to take."

long returned from the Caribbean, where he went to discuss evacuation plans for the islands in case another hurricade hits the region, as it did last year [the visit preceded Hurricane Bertha, which devastated islands in the northeastern Caribbean on July 10). Since British tourists have little wish to stay on an island devastated by high winds, he has been working out emergency procedures and alternative accommodation plans. He acknowledges that hurricanes are difficult to predict. "Sometimes they look as though they are about to hit an island, and then they move

away, so we have to get the balance right." He has also been working with the Turkish Government to persuade ministers to upgrade roads and fit new traffic

coastal strip where a number of Britons have been killed in road accidents. Little of this is publicised since it is achieved though quiet negotiation at top level.

Mr Brackenbury has also helped to draw up emergency plans for hotels affected by outbreaks of legionnaires' disease, and is currently involved in advising Croatia on how to attract tourism back to its once-popular resorts. He has also been talking to the Chinese about their efforts to reopen borders along the Silk Route from Xi an in China to Istanbul, a trip he would some day like to make himself. "You can travel in a fabulous train, all fine upholstery, wooden panels and pianos," he says, his eyes ting up. "Now that really is a holiday

Branch of a bank that can count on a culinary history

Surely one of the more opulent places in London to cash a cheque is the Law Courts branch of Lloyds Bank, at 222 Strand, opposite the Royal Courts of Justice.

Walk into the entrance hall and, if you can ignore the cashpoint machines, you might imagine yourself in the great hall of a grand Turkish bath in old Istanbul. There are tiled pillars depicting torrents of swirling water to be jewels studded all over the walls between mosaic tiles in glorious greens and blues. Flying fish, fantastical sea creatures and smooth shells nestling among the sparkling coloured tiles complete the exotic impression of having wandered off the Strand into some bizarre Byzantine Neptune's Cave.

Today you might be there for a sober discussion with your bank manager, but 100 years ago you would probably have been there for a bite to eat. The building that occupies the site today, more or less unchanged, was originally designed as a restaurant. The Royal Courts of Justice Restaurant was built in 1883 under the supervision of two architects, Goymour Cuthbert and William Wimble, who also designed the old Baltic Exchange. It was supposed to attract hordes of barristers and solicitors. bringing their clients during the lunch interval in the Law Courts to discuss their cases. Either the decor put them off their food, or the food was not good enough - it closed

within three years. Inside, more decorative tilework must have distracted the gaze of munching barristers. Columns in the main restaurant hall — now Joanna Pitman discovers more than money at Lloyds by the Law Courts ...



The entrance hall is like a bizarre Byzantine Neptune's Cave

terior was barely changed.

The Penny Illustrated Paper described the premises that year as "the

handsomest and most ele-

All the ceramic work was created by Royal Doulton and designed by John McLennan, who produced the work in his studio in

Lambeth. In the late 19th

century the riches of Persia

gant bank in London".

the bank's main office area - are panelled in American walnut and sequoia wood set with hand-painted tiles showing the plants that grew in the Temple Gardens and characters from the plays of

In 1895 the building was bought and reoccupied as a result of the union of three banks - Lloyds Bank, Messrs Praed & Co and R Twining & Co. Bank tellers Twining & Co. Bank tellers' and Turkey swept through desks were installed, but the decorative world of Britotherwise the restaurant in- ain and McLennan's exotic ranean pedalling duties.

and other commissions for the King of Siam and the Tsar of Russia, as well as Birkbeck Bank and Great Ormond Street Hospital.

McLennan hand-painted from Jonson's plays, a commission inspired by the earliest building on the site, the Palsgrave Tavern, built in 1612 and named after Frederick Palsgrave, later King of Bohemia, who married Prin-cess Elizabeth, daughter of James I. Jonson was a frequent visitor to the tavern, and the main banking hall today contains a tiled tab-lean portrait of him.

The 1883 building was pioneering in several ways. It was supplied with fresh water from an artesian well sunk to 238 feet below the Strand, which fed the flying fish fountains in the entrance hall. It had electric light produced from steam engines and dynamos and the restaurant was one of the first air-conditioned rooms in London, using a system

ventilate ships' saloons. In the basement there still remains the tandem bicycle that was ridden by two women who powered a giant pair of bellows. The air was channelled up through ducts into the restaurant, where it poured out through small hinged mahogany panels, freshening patrons brows.

Now as a bank the branch still draws on a clientele consisting largely of barrisrestaurant for one night last year, to mark the branch's centenary, the building fleetingly revelled in its original glory. Fortunately the sous che's were spared the subter-

Lloyds TSB Group results for the first half of 1996

"I am delighted to report a 12 per cent increase in pre-tax profit to £1,141 million and an underlying increase of 32 per cent from ongoing businesses. Revenue has grown strongly and costs have been tightly controlled. An improvement in both the quantity and quality of our earnings enables us to pay an interim dividend of 4.2p per share.

We are making good progress in merging the two groups and expect to achieve further profitable growth in the second half of the year."

. Sir Robin Ibbs, Chairman

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Profit before tax	1,141	1,021	1,054		
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Profit after tax	758	710	695		
Minority interests	68	54	56		
Profit attributable to shareholders	690	656	639		
Dividends	214	173	1,398		
Post-tax return on average shareholders' equity	30.8%	22.4%	21.6%		
Earnings per share	13.7p	13.1p	12.7p		

acturing provision of £425 million.

The interim dividend of 4.2p per share will be paid on 10 October 1996 to shareholders registered on 13 August 1996. It is the intention this year that the interim dividend will represent approximately one-third of the full-year's dividend. In the past Lloyds Bank's shareholders have received approximately 30 per cent of the full-year's dividend at the interim stage and TSB's shareholders approximately 40 per cent. Shareholders who have completed a mandate under the share dividend scheme will receive new shares instead of the cash dividend.

In December 1995 Lloyds Bank Pic merged with TSB Group pic, which was renamed Lloyds TSB Group pic and changed its financial year and December 1995 Lloyds Bank Pic merged with TSB Group pic, which was renamed Lloyds TSB Group pic and changed its financial year end from 31 October to 31 December. Merger accounting principles were used and statutory accounting period, the L2 months ended 31 December 1995, with comparative figures for the previous accounting period, the L2 months ended 31 October 1994, as if the new group had been established throughout these periods. In addition a pro forma profit and loss account was prepared for the L2 months ended 31 December 1995, which has been used as a basis for the figures for the half-years to 30 June 1995 and 31 December 1995 shown above. Statutory accounts for the 14 months ended 31 December 1995 were delivered to the registrar of companies. The auditors' report on these accounts was unqualified and did not include a statement under sections 237(2) or (3) of the

Copies of the news release containing full details of the results may be obtained from Investor Relations, Lloyds TSB Group plc, 71 Lombard Street, London BC3P 3BS (telephone: 0171 356 1273).





Amstrad shares fall 41p after Psion talks fail

was knocked out of the somno-lence typical of a Friday in high summer by news late in the day that Amstrad's talks with Psion had been broken off. Amstrad shares fell 41p to an intra-day low of 148p before rallying to close at 160p for a loss of 29p. Traders said that they were

not too surprised by the statement from because the market had become more nervous the longer it waited for news from the electronics firm, run by Alan Sugar, on the talks with Psion, the maker of personal organisers. The two companies said on June 25 that they were discussing a potential offer by Psion. Yesterday, however, Amstrad said it had not been able to

reach agreement on a price.

Overall, volumes were light as London ignored Wall Street's strength and drifted downwards to end at 3,673.3, down 11.4 points. Some traders were fretting about remarks made early in the day by Kenneth Clark, Chancellor of the Exchequer, that he would raise interest rates if

required.

Mr Clark was responding to an IMF report which, while describing Britain's economic performance as enviable, sugested higher interest rates might be required.

Second-line shares dominated what little action there was on the London Stock Exchange, as most investors stayed on the sidelines or turned their attention to the Lords Test Match.

East Midlands Electricity put on another 9p to 580p. having gained 32p on Thursday, as bid rumours again swept the market. HTV also rose 17p to 361p on speculation that a bid is being lined up.

Among the blue-chip companies, the banks were among the most actively traded as Lloyds TSB, kicking off the banks' first-half reporting sea-son, unveiled a pre-tax profit of £1.141 billion, at the top end of analysts' forecasts.

The bank's shares slid, howchance to take profits after recent strength in the shares and as some shifted into Bardays and HSBC. Lloyds TSB ended 812p down at 332p. Volume was relatively high at 14.27 million shares.

NatWest will report next week while HSBC — owners of Midland — and Barclays will both report the week after.



Sir Trevor Chinn, chairman of Lex Service, which rose 20p

All the shares were actively traded. HSBC ticked up lp to 1,059p, Bardays 2p to 803p and NatWest 2p to 625p.

Glazo-Wellcome was down 12p to 886p because Novopharm, the Canadian generic drugmaker, plans to stick to its plan to launch a generic version of Glaxo's best-selling Zantac ulcer drug in December. Novopharm made its

assert that its lead drug appears to slow the growth of hymours

Shares in Kwik-Save were down 9p to 411p after the cut in the Somerfield issue price to 145p from the 160p announced when the 180p-190p range was abandoned. The Somerfield episode begins to make other supermarket stocks look pricey. loeland, which recently

ICI extended its losses, falling 12p to 749p, as analysts downgraded their forecasts in the wake of Thursday's disappointing first-half results, which showed a 28 per cent fall in pre-tax profits before exceptionals to £367 million. Salomon Brothers cuts it forecast for 1996 pre-tax profits by about 15 per cent to £700 million.

comments on Thursday, after the British pharmaceutical giant appealed against a US district court's ruling earlier this month, paving the way for Novopharm to make a generic version of Zantac, in

Also in the pharmaceutical sector, British Biotech slid 53p to £19.50 in light volume after doctors at a leading London cancer hospital criticised the company for its use of certain kinds of tests to

issued a profit warning, was down 3p to 10512p.

Pegasus rose L20p to 418p as the accountancy software group confirmed a bid approach. The company said the "unsolicited approach may or may not lead to an offer."

Cairn Energy rose 3012p to 339p after favourable responses to its cash call on Thursday. Lex Service, the motor sales and services group, was up 20p to 363p after its first-half profits rose to £27.7 million

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dividend to 6.40 (5.9p). The results led to Hoare Govett lifting its 1996 pre-tax profit estimate for Lex. whose chairman is Sir Trevor Chinn, to £55 million from £53 million.

Hays, the logistics company, meanwhile reversed some of Thursday's fall, which had been based on fears that its bid for Christian Salvesen. would mean a rights issue. Hays was up 1412p to 42812p. Ruberoid, the building products company, fell llp to

95p on a warning that its first-half profits will be close to break-even, down from £2.69 million last year. It said its full-year results will be "materially below" last year's, al-though the total dividend should be held at 6. ip. In May it warned that the imbalance between profit in the first and second halves would be greater than normal because of severe weather in the first

Inspec, the speciality chemicals group which announced a second rights issue in 18 months to fund the 5 purchase of Shell Fine Chemicals, barely moved on the news as analysis came out in support of the company's strategy. Its shares ticked up lp to 223p.

The one-for-two issue at 180p a share will raise £101.5 million net. The rest of the cost will be met from new borrowings. Last March, Inspec raised £52.25 million to help fund the £80.4 million purchase of BP's Belgian speciality chemicals producer.

Blacks Leisure was down 9p to 178p as management cautioned investors that sharp growth in the financial year to date is unlikely to continue in the second half

☐ GILT-EDGED: Bond prices rose early in the day because of the weaker than expected GDP growth figure of 1.8 per cent. Prices then trailed off in afternoon apathy.

In the futures pit, the September series of the long gilt finished up 322 at 107116 in moderately active trade of 56,000 contracts. In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 was up £132 to £9814 while at the shorter end Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was up £110 to

□ NEW YORK: Returning shares after IBM's positive news on Thursday helped to lift the Dow Jones industrial average by 42.17 points to 5,464.18 at midday. CONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

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RECEITISSIES

THE TROUBLE with banks is that they feel comfortable with size and the real job for bankers is to learn how to be small. Under Sir Brian Pitman, Lloyds TSB has become a sprawling retail financial services conglomerate encompassing commercial and high street banking, and mortgages from Cheltenham & Gloucester. Its majority share of Lloyds Abbey Life brings insurance and estate agency. Handsome profit increases from C&G on Thursday, Lloyds Abbey Life on

in underlying profits at Lloyds TSB, suggests the strategy is paying. However, the market yesterday sold off the shares. Profit-taking is part of the explanation: the figures were as expected, although the dividend was a bit less generous than hoped.

Yet the niggling concern is whether this retail

Wednesday, followed by a 32 per cent increase

racing car, or at least a top class saloon. Lloyds TSB is proving slower than rivals in shrinking the branch network - and integrating C&G is taking time. Staff reductions last year were about 2 per cent for the group, while the banking industry as a whole is shedding at a much faster rate. Lloyds TSB has about a quarter of the UK's bank branches but only 22 per cent of assets.

Lloyds has the potential to do a lot of damage to its rivals in the sector which is set to expand with the conversion of building societies into public companies. The bank is cutting overhead and the cost: income ratio improved by 3 points. However Lloyds's rating, at 11 times earnings, is beginning to look expensive. Cheaper banks are cutting costs somewhat faster.

Inspec Group

SHELL's fine chemicals division arrives in the nick of time for Inspec, which was facing a torrid second half because of the collapse of the ethylene glycol price, a prod-uct used in antifreeze. Inspec acquired the glycol business from BP in 1995 for £78 million, financing it with a £53 million rights issue. Initially, the plant exceeded forecasts but BP's Antwerp business transformed Inspec from a company focused on special-ity chemicals to one where 30 per cent of the profits come from commodities.

The addition of Shell fine chemicals reduces that exposure by half and the price, some seven times operating profits of £27 million, looks reasonable, giving Inspec a leading position in several products. For Shell, fine

chemicals was a distraction, Lex Service

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HTV Group 361p (+17p
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good rating as a motor dealer is to look as little like a motor dealer as possible. Of all the contenders, Cowie Group has been the best at escaping the tarbrush with its diversification into transport. Buses have given Cowie a stream of profits and cash from a business unaffected by the motor retailing cycle. Lex Service has not been so bold but yesterday the company showed that it can not only improve its business profile but also improve the margins of the core retailing activity. Lex's answer to Cowie's

trucks and vans, parts distri-bution and forklift trucks. Cars now accounts for about 40 per cent of profits although the figure is exaggerated by a downturn in truck

Behind yesterday's surge in Lex shares was relief that the strategy of shrinking the

DOLLAR RATES

task aircady substantially completed by Shell. That means increasing the top line: the European opera-

Dealerships have been re-

reduction in costs and a

squeeze on the capital invest-

ed in the business. Operating

margins are up to 2.2 per

cent, a figure previously un-

heard of, and there is every

reason to believe the return

on sales could improve

Downsizing had a healthy

effect on the flow of funds

with Lex's operating

cashflow almost rising three-

fold in the first half to £34.9

million, a figure that will

improve as more businesses

slowly improving with a 5 per

cent increase projected for

August sales. Lex has not

escaped its sector in the

manner of Cowie but the

shares now stand at a dis-

count of 24 per cent to the

market.
This is still too harsh for a

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The car retail market is

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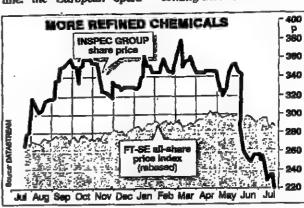
Inspec's challenge is to

grow the business rather

than reduce the cost base, a

run for cash.

tions being acquired are running at 60 per cent of capacity, providing an opportunity to increase market share, particularly in the US, an area of weakness. The shares look inexpensive and this deal should put Inspec's profits growth back on track. but there must be some concern that Inspec is becoming deal-driven.



THE trick to achieving a

buses is diversification into

duced from 90 to 69 and a new chief executive. another half dozen or so are on the way out. The result has been a sharp

Somerfield

CUTTING your issue price once might be an accident twice looks like carelessness. Somerfield is now being sold on a multiple of only 6.5 times its pro forma earnings to the end of April. Another company might have pulled back from such a debut but the supermarkets group is unlike others in that it is burdened with bankers seeking repayment loans after the buyout by

its troubles and has just hired

For investors, the issue now looks a steal and, barring a market disaster, there will be huge profits to be made when dealings open on August 9 That, however, does not improve Somerfield's mediumterm outlook: squeezed by bigger players and suffering a declining market share. If there is a decent premium, inestors should take profits.

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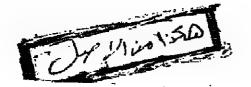
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OFT plan 'will boost cost of health cover'

Caroline Merrell examines recommendations of the OFT report on private medical insurance

he cost of private medical insurance. which is already rising by up to 12 per cent above inflation every year, will increase even more if recommendations by the Offive of Fair Trading are adopted, insurers say.

The warning, by some of Britain's biggest companies, comes as they attack plans by the Office of Fair Trading to scrap policies that do not require customers to undergo an initial full medical exami-

They claim that forcing everyone to go through a full underwriting procedure will push up costs even further. Prices are currently rising by between 6 and 12 per cent above inflation.

According to the report published this week by the OFT after a 12-month investigation. consumers pay out more than £1.7 billion for private medical insurance every year.

Under the present "moratoria" system, anyone taking out a plan will not be insured for any pre-existing conditions for two years after they take out the scheme. Many insurers use this method to sell plans in advertisements stating: "private health insurance — no medical required".

Legal & General, which has policies across the range,

but commented: "The moratoria approach keeps our costs down, particularly as our target market is those who have less money. The OFT seems to he saying that private medical

insurance is only for the rich." Tim Baker, Norwich Union Healthcare commercial director, said: "The OFT has underestimated the benefits of these types of policies to consumers. Pre-existing conditions will eventually be covered after two years. Even if all policies are underwritten, there still may be problems with clients not disclosing information."

The report also looked at the sale of permanent health insurance products, which replace income in the event of illness; critical illness products, which pay out a lump sum in the event of the diagnosis of serious illness; and long-term care products, which provide funding for nursing home care for the

The wide range of premium rates experienced by those buying private medical insurance was highlighted. For instance, for a single person aged 30 with a comprehensive monthly premiums can vary from £40 to £163 per month. Bupa and PPP, the UK's two

addressing the concerns of the OFT. Peter Jacobs, Bupa chief executive said: This report appears to endorse wholeheartedly most of Bupa's operating practices."
The OFT recommends plans

ers, claimed they were already

be simple to understand, presented in a common format and written in plain English: should be readily comparable, and customers should be given warning about possible rises in premium rates over the term of the policy.

The report attacks permanent health insurance policies for being too difficult for consumers, who spend about £400 million per year on them, to understand. The OFT recommends that the industry, via the Association of British Insurers, should produce a standard definition of total disability and should attempt to draw up a benchmark product. It wants PHI insurers to clarify how their policies interact with the state and employer sick-pay schemes and believes a proper fact-find should be carried out on any one taking out PHI insurance.

On critical illness insurance. the report attacked independent financial advisers for using fear to persuade customers to buy policies and recommended that a standard critical illness policy should be

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How not to add to that £100m

TOTAL compensation paid to investors who were victims of fraud. poor advice and misinformation from financial services firms has now reached more than \$100 mil-lion, it was revealed this week.

The sum has grown every year since the Investors Compensation Scheme was launched in 1988. The ICS is so concerned that it has drawn up a list of golden rules for investors. They sound simple but enough people ignored them to require the ICS to pay out £28 million in 1995; the highest sum in its history.

☐ Take with a pinch of salt other people's "winning formulae", especially those you hear at the pub, or golf club. If a stranger wants to share with you an investment secret, ask yourself why.

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giving investment advice.

You can't have it all. Generally, the higher the potential gain, the higher the risk. Do not exaggerate your salary, pretend you under-stand things that you do not, or lie about your age.

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If an investment return seems too good to be true, it probably is. Ostriches, fine wine, tulip bulbs and classic cars are not legally defined as investments and there is no official compensation fund.

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Watchdog call for care sales

ing wants to bring longterm care products within the net of the Financial Services Act (FSA) to protect vulnerable investors.

At present, these packages are not classed as investments. and this means they are not subject to the same stringent selling rules and practices that apply to other life and pension products. Nor are investors covered by the official Investors Compensation Scheme should the company fail.

Since they can cost up to hundreds of pounds a month and are targeted mainly at the elderly, there are fears over mis-selling. The industry is keen to avoid a repeat of the personal pensions mis-selling scandal that caused life product sales to slump. The Personal Investment

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extend its current legal contracts with its 4,000 members to cover any long-term care products they sell and develop a easily recognisable "kitemark". However, there is a fear that hundreds of companies could step in and start sell-

John Bridgeman, director-general of the OFT, said: Regulation is not an option we turn to lightly. Nevertheless, even with an open and free economy, there are times when the vulnerability of consumers is such that they need protection." He added: "Longterm care purchasers need best advice more than almost

any other group."

The report also recommends the industry draws up benchmark policies which will allow the consumers to compare products more readily. Last year, the Insurance Om-

complaints about health insurance products. One third were upheld for the complainant.

to the welfare state mean a The OFT believes that those growing need for nursing who sell long-term care insurhome care paid for by individance should focus on whether prospective purchasers have family care available. The report's final recommendation says prospective purchasers of prefunded plans should have a clear indication of likely surrender value, if they cannot keep up the premiums.

Paul Seymour, chairman of The Continuing Care Conference, an affiliation of companies in the long-term care market, backed the OFT's call for regulation. He added that the companies in the conference could work together to come up with a benchmark.

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Summertime turbulence

are going haywire. But so far, headline falls have mingled with the odd sharp rise. On Wall Street, share prices have shed roughly 6 per cent. In Britain, the ups and downs have only cost the FT-SE 100 index a net 1 per cent this month, making a slide of 4.5 per cent since the high on April Fool's Day. Still, it is a worrying time for investors in the UK market. Big institutions have been passive net sellers, accepting cash

ou might think that stock markets

takeovers or big capital dividends and salting the money elsewhere. Their caution, imported from New York, has undermined big florations. Prices of British Energy. Allied Carpets and Somerfield all had to be scaled back as fund managers played hard to get. At British Energy, these games backfired on small investors. They are now about even, but many have been put off.

City analysts are as sharply divided as ever on how far London is tied to New York, ABN-AMRO Hoare Govett insists that "the historic 80-90 per cent correlation between the two markets continues to hold". NatWest Securities argues that "the supposed close correlation proves to be a chimera" and that UK equities are now closer to continental markets. Such arguments rest on what length of time you select and whether you look for direction or degree of movement.

On mere numbers, shares look cheaper in London than on Wall Street, where top growth companies sent the index rising more steeply for the past two cent, compared with 20 times earnings inflation, that need not mean they will



and much lower dividend yields in America. Interest rates are higher here too, so you would expect share ratings to be lower. They are not exorbitant by historical standards.

That judgment still depends on where we are in the economic cycle and whether in a more stable, low-inflation economy, that will be anything like the booms and slumps we are used to. The jury is out. Who knows if things might be different under a Blair government? Nearer term, after the pause in economic expansion, company earnings are widely forecast to grow by 10 per cent

this year and in 1997. This is where interest rate lears come in. An upturn in US rates, should it happen, would be good for the American economy at this point. There might still be a countervailing fall in German rates. More likely, rates will generally turn up over coming months. In a years. UK shares sell at an average 16 turn up over coming months. In a times reported earnings and yield 4 per climate of strong control of money and

go on rising, turning the world economy down. Modest rises should keep the show on the road, and might again be reversed. In the short-term, higher US money costs would still be bad for share markets beyond America, but should comfort inflation-wary bond markets and therefore have a muted impact.

The biggest cloud over UK shares really seems to be melancholia among fund managers. They see little prospect of quick exciting gains, after a long rise in values, and expect a period of nervous uncertainty around election time. Perversely, many would love to see a sharp fall in prices, so that there was more to go for. If the current turbulence brings some such storm, the FT-SE index is unlikely to fall much below 3.400, a drop of 8 per cent, which should not last long. There are no obvious stresses in the system to set off a 1987-style crash.

fter the turbulence, and any A short-term setback, the index should unsteadily creep up the 8½ per cent needed to reach 4,000, as profits and dividends grow. Given bad sentiment but seemingly sound funda-mentals, investors have little incentive either to buy or sell the market as a whole. We should not be afraid to invest new money in companies that can grow faster than a sluggish investmentstarved economy. CinVen, the venture capital group, reckons a company it recently backed has a dominant share of a growing market, a strong brand and a good reputation for quality, service and innovation. That is just what private

As P-Day approaches, Jody Brettkelly considers the best buys and most economic finance and insurance for both new and used cars

Cherry-picking insurers find dwindling crop

Ou own a car and need insurance. That sounds simple enough — if you have never had an accident, are over 30, have a clean licence, a family saloon and live in a crime-free village.
But few drivers are the "ideal" and insurers are becoming very choosy about whom they take as customers. The 50 companies that sell over the telephone

picky. Some target only the near-perfect third of the UK's 20 million drivers. There are some exceptions: a few insurers realise that they are losing customers who are parents because their children have been told to go elsewhere

such as Direct Line and Churchill -

usually considered cheaper because they

cut out the middleman - are particularly

with their business. Touchline Insurance believes 18 to 34 year-olds are taking a more responsible and mature" attitud to driving and their cars. Consequently Touchline is lowering its premiums to attract more drivers from this group.

Insurance companies are now using lifestyle surveys to assess applicants. Some even contain questions about smoking as a few companies claim smokers are higher risk because they are more distracted by smoking and flicking ash out of the window while changing gear. Other questions include the number of journeys undertaken, the location of your home, whether the car will be kept in a garage and the claims record. Strangely, the colour of your vehicle

found that owners of red cars have more accidents, because the colour is not as noticeable in strong daylight. And the AA. has bad news: it claims that car insurance costs are set to rise and that any price war may be ending. The increase is only slight - premiums for comprehensive cover have risen by £6 over the last quarter to an average of £341 in July. But on average, the British motorist is still paying £25 less than two years ago.

o what is the answer? Ringing hundreds of insurers for the best O deal? There is a better option, says Sharon Bolton, a spokeswoman for the insurance brokers' trade

can count against you as research has body. She claims her members are beating direct insurers on price 70 per cent of the time. "Brokers now have up-todate technology and they have many more dozens of products to choose from. And they have developed close relationships with insurers and so can get good deals." The insurer will pay the broker commission of between 10 and 17.5 per cent. The broker's job is not only to find the best deal among the 120 schemes offered by insurers but also to deal with all the paperwork if you have a claim.

Simon Bolan, partner with E.H. Ran-son, an Edinburgh broker, said he can help a number of drivers who find it difficult to find a cheap policy, or even anyone

recent survey from CMT Direct Marketing found 20 per cent of motorists changed their insurer last year and more than half did so to save money. It costs insurers far more to take on a new client than to renew with an existing customer. But drivers concerned only with price are on the wrong track. Eamonn Browne of James & Brown, a Coventry broker, said. "It is all very well paying rock- bottom prices for your insurance, but are you cutting out what you need?"

People get carried away with things like their no-claims bonuses. The bottom line is; what are you paying on your premiums?" It may sound obvious, but check what you are paying for most people don't. Hugh Robertson, a partner with Hanson and Robertson of Aberdeen, says: "What are the terms and conditions of your contract? Most people do not get quotes confirmed until after they have paid for the policy. A lot of people aren't sure of their excesses, or what they are getting. They go for the lowest quote."

That may mean you are getting a very stripped-down product. for example, without a free green card that covers you while abroad. Also in the case of fire and theft, some companies charge an excess of £100 on top of your optional excess of say, £200. Mr Robertson added: "It is worth paying an extra £40 for courtesy cars in the case of accident and an extra £49 breakdown recovery service which would cost £100 from the AA or RAC."

A P-rivilege but it comes at a P-rice

Tew cars lose up to a fifth of their value as you drive them off the forecourt, so don't fool yourself that buying a new car makes good money sense.

However, nearly half a millian people will pay for the privilege of having a "P" registration by the end of August. Whether you buy a new car or take advantage of bargain basement prices on nearlynew cars, your first consideration will be how to pay for it.

For most people, paying cash is not an option. But even if you do have the cash available you may want to look at interest-free schemes so you can keep your money and earn interest. Vauxhall and Ford are relaunching their 50:50 deals where you pay half the cost of the car initially and the rest two years later without interest charges.

As the chart compiled by Moneyfacts, the independent data group, shows, the best unsecured rate currently on

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Rates vary from 15.9 per cent for loans of between £500 to £2.450 and 10.9 per cent for loans of between £10,000 to £15,000. A loan of £6,000 over three years would cost £223 per month with insurance and E197 without. The Bank Of Scotland has a rate of 15.9 per cent for loans of between £500 and £15,000. Monthly payments would be £253 with insurance and £206 without.

Societies have higher rates but have ives. For example, HFC Bank offers free RAC Rescue Service membership and free accident services for a year as well as £30 off an RAC inspection, up to 32 per cent off car insurance and a free video. But its rates are 30.1 per cent for loans of £500 to £1,999 and 19.9 per cent for £5,000 to £10,000.

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of between 10 and 40 per cent of the cost of the new car. You pay monthly instalments over an agreed period and don't own the car until the last payment. If you fail to make the payments the car companies can in some cases re-claim it.

There are also personal contract plans where instead of paying off the whole cost of the car during the repayment period, a lump is deferred. This is called the MGFV and attracts interest. The monthly payments might be low but you don't own the car until the end. You may pay more than with a bank loan.

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Road to rescue via owners' club

JAX MAYHEW spent a day ringing around to insure her beloved red MG. But because she is only 23 and her sports car is almost seven years older, she found it nearly impossible. Insurers either didn't want to know, or

premiums were sky-high. "It was getting very frus-trating" said Jax, a traince retail manager in London, "But there was no way I was going to sell my car."

She then heard about the MG Owners Club Insurance which specialises in covering the marque. Jax now has third party insurance for E400 a year and will pay the first E250 if she has an accident. When she reaches 25, she intends to take out comprehensive cover and her excess will fall to £50. With any other insurer, she

would be charged premiums of £1,000 a year. But MG Owners Club Insurance gives customers a bonus for all their years of clean driv-

In Jax's case, this bought her premium down by £600. But if she has a claim she will lose two years' of bonus and her premium rises to about £500. MG Owners Club Insurance also insures owners of a variety of other classic cars such as Minis, Morris Minors and Triumphs.



What a difference a day makes: Jax Mayhew and her beloved MG sports car

Double discount and a holiday is saved

ALAN DAY, an antiques dealer, had tracked down his dream car — a E67,500 new Mercedes 320 SL Sports car. He was looking forward to an extended holiday after he picked it up in Germany. But there was a problem with how to insure the car because it was not registered in Britain and he wanted to drive it through Germany, Switzerland and to France to see his sister.

His broker, Simon Bolan, a partner with E. H. Ranson of Edinburgh, found a way around the problem. He insured the car using the chassis number. On the advice of his broker. Mr Day. 42, who lives in Edinburgh, took out a £1,069 policy with Norwich Union which included free comprehensive cover on the continent. Mr Day paid £25 extra to protect his no claims bonus. This means if he does make a claim he will not lose his bonus.

Norwich Union allowed him to switch his 60 per cent no claims bonus on his Volvo to the new car. He then insured his Volvo for £536 which took into account a 40 per cent discount from Norwich Union for insuring two cars. Mr Day said: "As you can see, my case was very complicated and really only a proker could know the ins and outs of being able to get such a





Hassle-free: James and Carole Lakey saved time and money

In the end the old ways proved best

likley Community College, turned first to the information highway to find the best car

But the cheapest on the Internet was 13 per cent APR on a £5,000 36-month loan. After searching through

STEPHEN HILL computer thing better, he consulted his manager at the Bradford financial adviser who told him to try his bank - First Direct. It offered him a loan of £5,000 over three years at 11.9 per

> Stephen traded in his Renault for £1,400 and bought a K-registered Montego Estate for £4,600 with some left over to improve his kitchen.



Computers could not find the answer for Stephen Hill

Accident drove him back to his broker

WHEN his wife bumped into another car outside her health club in Rugby, James Lakey decided to go back to his broker. The time and agony of filling out claim forms himself just wasn't worth it, said James, who runs his own construction company in Coventry.

"I started out using a brc." ker, then decided to buy insurance direct because I thought it would save money. But then I found out how much hassle it was dealing with a claim and I went back to my broker. I know he will deal with the paperwork."

Eamonn Browne, his broker and a partner at James & Browne of Coventry, also found James, 50, and his wife, Carole, 47, a better deal.

James's 1988 Range Rover Vogue is now insured with General Accident for £304,42, with a 60 per cent no-claims bonus compared with his previous cover with Landmark, a direct insurer, which cost £412.05 with 70 per cent ncb.

His wife Carole, who works as a secretary in the business. has a Land Rover Discovery. She is now with Legal & General and pays £290.29 with a 60 per cent neb against her Landmark cover that cost E344 with a 70 per cent neb.

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N&P staff told Nicola and Claudine-Marie Herbert they would not lose their membership rights and thus their bonus rights by moving their Tessa proceeds to deposit accounts

National & Provincial admits fault over takeover bonuses

The National & Provincial Building Sociery has admitted to a series of administra-L tive errors at head office and misinformation by branch staff, which risked disqualifying hundreds of members from payouts after the society's takeover by Abbey

An estimated one hundred of these members now face a longer wait for bonus payouts and will be forced to forego opportunities to take their bonus in Abbey shares when the takeover is completed on August 4. In at least one case known to Weekend Money, two members stood to lose bonuses totalling nearly £1,500 each because of wrong advice from N&P branch staff. It was only after four months of pressure that N&P agreed it had made a mistake.

Mistakes by the society have included failure to tally application forms and pass books or account records with pass books, thus excluding people who should have qualfied for a bonus. Most of these mistakes have been corrected electronically and their victims' membership rights restored.

Sara McConnell says wrong advice by N&P staff could have cost some members thousands of pounds

by branch staff that they would not lose their right to a bonus by moving or changing their account have not so far been restored. In these cases, members will have to be "compensated" by Abbey National once the takeover has gone ahead. They will have to wait while Abbey correlates its list with that of the Building Societies Ombudsman who is handling some of the complaints. This means they will probably have to wait later than September 2 when other members get paid. Savers of more than two years' standing will also lose their right to choose to take their payment in Abbey shares rather than cash. Abbey shares were worth about 557p at close of business vesterday and have increased sixfold since the former building society floated in 1989.

Under the N&P bonus scheme, members who But the estimated 100 people wrongly advised had been with the society less than two years Branch staff told the Herberts they would not money invested on the vital August 4 date.

will get £500 of Abbey shares. Savers of more than two years' standing will get a flat payout of £750 and a further bonus of approximately 7 per cent of their balance at April 28, 1995, when the

icola and Claudine-Marie Herbert of Middlesex have both had tax-exempt special savings accounts (Tessas) with N&P since 1991. When these matured this January, the money was about to be moved into the N&P's Instant Reserve account because the Herberts did not immediately opt to move the money to another Tessa.

This account, which gave the Herberts full

membership rights as existing customers, would have paid a a worse rate of interest than the society's investment Reserve account.

lose their membership rights and thus their right to a bonus by moving to the deposit account. Both had had approximately £10.400 in the Tessas on April 28, 1995. On this balance. they would have received bonuses of approximately £1,478.

The Herberts subsequently discovered that their decision to put their Tessa money into a deposit account had lost them their membership and their bonus. N&P admitted it had given them wrong information but said it could not reverse the process. It took four months of persistence before N&P's customer services manager wrote to tell them they would be "compensated by the Abbey National". But the letter did not categorically say they would receive the bonuses they qualified for. It was left to *The Times* to obtain a categorical

assurance from N&P that they would get their payouts. The society said: "They will definitely get their money." It said the letter could not be more specific because there were a number of unknown factors including the question of whether the Herberts would still have their



COMMENT

MARIANNE CURPHEY Personal Finance Deputy Editor

Time runs out for long-term care regulation

he only consolation for people who transferred out of their employer's pension scheme into a personal pension during the mis-selling scandal of the late 1980s and early 1990s is that there is still time to put things right. Though only 7,000 people have so far been compensated out of an estimated 1.5 million potential victims, many have more than a decade to go before they retire and are fit and well enough to fight their corner for compensation. However, the situation is still highly unsatisfactory, which is why the Office of Fair Trading. anxious to prevent a repetition of this fiasco, spoke in strong language this week about the need to regulate a relatively new financial product, long-term care,

Long-term care insurance pays for sick and elderly people to be looked after in their own house or in nursing homes when they are unable to fend for themselves. It follows that if they are unable to bathe and dress themselves, they are also unlikely to fight for compensation in the courts if the policy they bought to provide professional care turns out to be a ripoff. The provision of long-term care is one of the most emotive issues the Government now has to tackle. Having spent years encouraging the thrifty middle classes to save and buy their own homes, it is now giving warning that they might have to sell them to fund their care in old age. These insurance policies, which are not at all cheap, will be in greater demand as the level of state care declines.

The OFT is concerned about the effects of mis-selling, "It is an expensive product which is usually purchased when income is beginning to dry up." its report says. "Long-term care purchasers need 'best advice' more than almost any other group. They are unlikely to be in a position to complain effectively if it then turns out that they have not been treated fairly. There is no suggestion that any of the long-term care policies currently on the market have been missold, although some may have to change their frame of

reference if the law is amended.

The industry's real fear is that unscrupulous, unregulated sellers may join the market as soon as it starts to really take off, and flog sub-standard products to frightened old ladies. There is enough time now to stop this happening. Insurance companies may complain that regulation is expensive, but the human cost of another mis-selling scandal will be even

Winners and losers

There is always someone in the pub or at the golf course who is a self-styled investment whizz, only too happy to pass on tips on how to get rich quick. "It worked for me" they boast. If their "winning formula" was as effective as they claimed, they would be sitting on a sun-drenched Barbados beach

instead of propping up the bar.

Nevertheless, hundreds of hapless acquaintances follow their advice and end up broke or the victim of a financial scam. This is why the Investors Compensation Scheme (ICS) has put together a set of "golden rules" to help the public avoid investment sharks. When bombarded with yield figures, dividends, endowments and terminal bonus predictions, some consumers lose their common sense.

It is not unknown, the ICS comments, for investors to pretend to understand complicated transactions, or lie about their age and their salary. The moral of the story is to be as wary of your financial adviser as you would of a back-street



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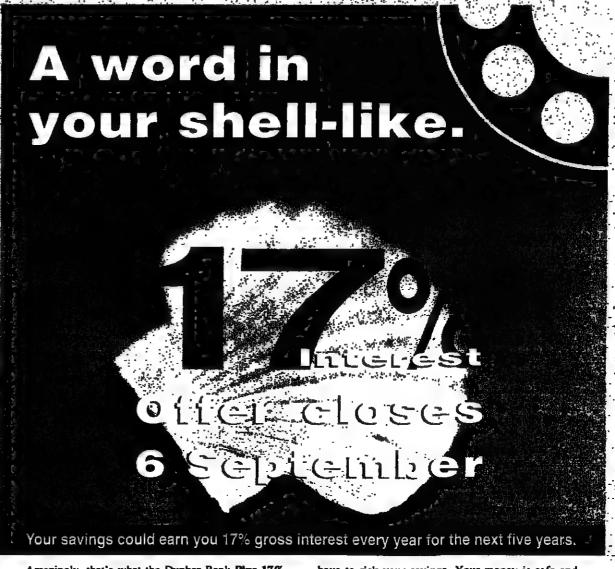
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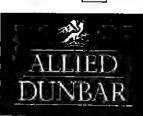
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carry a prospective yield of 9

per cent, a premium of more

The cutting of the price reflects resistance from both

institutional and retail inves-

tors. Small investors took up

less than a third of the 60

million shares open to them, it

emerged yesterday. Dealings in the new shares has been

delayed a week and will now

Confidence in new issues has been weak of late with British Energy and Sun Life still trading at a discount to their original offer price and

clothes retailer Monsoon can-

Traders said that stories of

the huge bonuses that Somer-

field executive directors were

due to receive from the flot-

ation had also been off-put-

ting. The final cut in price

means that David Simons,

chief executive, will now re-

ceive a bonus of E3 million

gross against an earlier E5

Somerfield has had two

other counts against it. The

chain in the country, it is

fighting in a highly competi-tive market. Also, the compa-

ny's history has not helped it.

As Gateway, Somerfield was

taken private seven years ago in a disastrous £2.1 billion

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Karen Zagor says the suffering may be over for some investors

Reasons to be cheerful at R-R

known in 1987 that

news may be on the way. Until recently, the shares have underperformed the market, and even at today's relatively high price of about 220p, the annual gain represents a modest 2.9 per cent from the initial fully-paid launch price of 170p. But recently some analysts have started encouraging people to buy. Optimism has been bolstered by the company's decision to sell its powergeneration business, which may cost 2,500 jobs.

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culty in getting the first stage of the Rolls-Royce

privatisation off the ground. Shareholders have had little

to celebrate since, but better

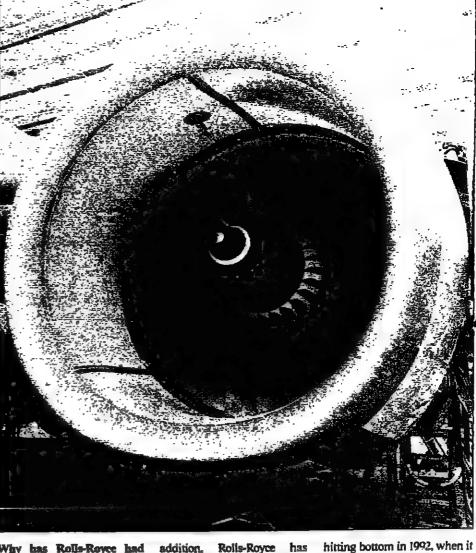
How have the shares fared since 1986?

Rolls-Royce initially did very well. Shortly after the first tranche was sold on May 17, 1987, the share price hit 226.08p. Although it then edged lower, anyone who sold their partly-paid shares during the summer of 1987 would have made a pretty profit.

Since then the picture has been bleak. Apart from a brief spurt in 1990, the share price has consistently underper-formed the FT-SE All-Share index. Last year price ranged from 145.76p to 193.5p but earlier this year signs of a better business environment helped the shares climb to a high of over 240p in April.

How high are the dividends?

The total dividend has been frozen at 5p since 1992. The company has indicated that it will lift its dividend when it has sufficient earnings to merit an increase. Shareholders will have to wait until August 29, when the interim results are published, for a clue to



Why has Rolls-Royce had such a rough ride?

The entire aerospace sector had a difficult time in the late 1980s and early 1990s. Recession led to government budget cuts and reduced spending on defence, hurting the sector, and civil airlines also cut back on orders. At privatisation, Rolls-Royce's dependence on defence made it vulnerable. In addition, Rolls-Royce has faced stiff competition from two big American competitors General Electric and Pratt & Whitney. The failure to win a big order from the Saudi national airline also hurt.

What does the market expect

The company seems well on the way to recovery. After

profits grow steadily. It has recently won some important contracts and has become a much bigger player in Asia. The decision to get out of steam generation is also believed to be good for the company. "The decision has removed one area of concern

suffered an annual pre-tax

loss of £184 million, it has seen

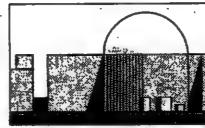
Sids stay with British Energy

PRIVATE investors in British Energy are continuing to hold their shares despite the poor performance since the company's privatisation two weeks ago.

The shares, at about 972p, are 22p below their issue price. Stockbrokers report that the number of small shareholders choosing to sell their shares when they received their share certificates this week was in the hundreds, rather than the thousands.

Private investors and institutions alike have been heartened by news that two reactors, which were shut down for investigation just hours after the close of the public offer, have now been

British Energy had come under attack for the timing of the announcement which came too late for the 600,000 small



shareholders who applied for the shares to change their minds

Analysts are blaming some of the poor performance of the shares on the volatiliof the stock market after the self-off in Wall Street. Fears over the increased regulation of all utility companies has also contributed to the drop in price. A Labour government would almost cer-

tainly bring in tighter regulation which would bring savings to consumers, but

would hit profits. Advisers are continuing to emphasise the high yield offered by the company. They anticipate that British Energy will yield 8 to 9 per cent — the highest in the electricity sector. The full first year's dividend of 13.7p net will be paid in July, before the second instalment for the shares is due. In theory, investors could sell their shares, reaping the full dividend, without ever paying the full price. Stockbrokers are telling investors to look closely at the price first. Another crucial date will be August 14 - the day on which BZW, the government broker, will stop propping up the share price.

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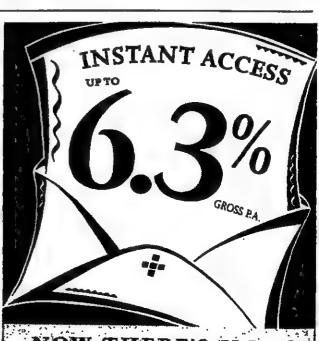
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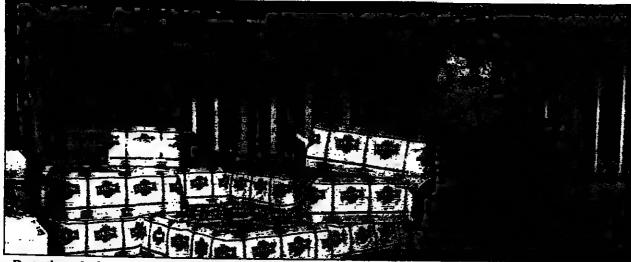
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Party time: the lure of much lower duty on liquor and tobacco in France attracts thousands of Britons every year

aze-trip for wine lovers

Karen Zagor on a growing

very day possessors money-minded Britons cross the channel to stock up on inexpensive wine and beer. So popular is this pastime that ferry companies now offer special one-day fares and Britain's brewers, pub operators and off-licences are worried that the day-trippers will put them out of business.

The reason for these crosschannel jaunts is that Britain has thus so far failed to bring its excise duty charges on wine and beer into line with the Continent. Instead, the Government now allows people to bring home as much alcohol and tobacco as they want, provided the goods are for personal consumption.

Up to 15 per cent of all alcohol bought by Britons in off-licences and supermarkets is now purchased in France, according to brewers. They claim this figure could rise to 20 per cent in just four years.

pastime for thirsty Britons

kets - it is worth calculating whether your savings will be worth the journey. The answer will depend partly on what you plan to buy and partly on. your mode of transport.

If the cost of transport is higher than your savings, there is no point straying further than the local off licence. You will need a car if you plan to stock up on enough alcohol to make the journey worthwhile.

For the Dover-Calais run on Sunday to Friday, Stena Sealink charges £19 for a car

Before jumping into the car and heading for Calais – home of the biggest hypermar-the E4 per person. The week-end rate is £29 for a car plus the E4 per person. The weekthe E4 per-passenger rate. The company says it will match any fare offered by a competing operator. The Folkstone-Calais day-trip by train will cost £59 per car. There are no

additional passenger costs.
When calculating travel costs, remember your petrol costs, which will add about £20 to a London-Dover-

French duty charges are higher on spirits and tobacco than wine, so most canny shoppers buy expensive spirits at the duty-free shop and leave bulkbuying wine and beer for the

of Gordon's gin costs about Ell at a French hyper-market. EIU.25 on the ferries and 66 on Le Shuttle. The same bottle will set you back about £14.75 in a supermarket or off-licence

Wine and beer tend to be cheaper in France. Wine prices are helped by very low duty, of only 2 francs per case (about 28p) compared with duty of £12.64 per case in the United Kingdom. The savings can be so great that the Wine Society has set up shop in Calais just so its members can take advantage of the favourable rates.

Remember that you will have to pay French VAT, of 18.6 per cent, on your wine. This means the most substantial savings are on the least

Thomas Cook links to speed money abroad

to be in need of urgent funds from home. This can happen particularly if you have suffered theft, or need to pay a large hospital bill. Suidents relying on their parents for funding and travellers who have been away for a long time may also be affected.

Thomas Cook has announced a link-up with the US company MoneyGram to offer a worldwide money transfer service. The MoneyGram service was set up in 1988 and is now in 20,000 locations around the world. The majority are in the North and South America, but the service also has links in the Middle East, Europe and in Taiwan, Thailand and the Philippines.

The MoneyGram service claims that the transfer of funds takes only 10 minutes. Upon payment to a local Thomas Cook branch with the service charge, delivery will take place in the local currency to the recipient. Sending £750 from London to Jamaica, for example, will cost £39. The same transfer with Western Union costs £42, while with Abbey National costs £25 but the money will take five days to arrive. Sending money via the postal system

hen disaster stri-kes on holiday, it around E5, but would also can be distressing take five to seven days.

Other banks offer such services but rely usually on the recipient having a bank account in the target country. Again, costs depend on speed. NatWest, for instance, has its Relay service allowing up to £2,000 to be sent. It has two levels. The standard level takes around four days and costs £9, while the urgent service will take about one to two days and costs £18.

loyds offers both standard and express services. The standard service will cost £13-£40 according to the amount transferred. The express service, which takes two to three days, incurs the same costs and an extra £6. Lloyds offers a cheaper service for sending money to Europe, taking up to six days and costing £5.50 for the sender and £3.50 for the

recipient.
However, using credit and debit cards abroad is still the cheapest payment method. A recent Which? report found that withdrawing £500 cash on a credit or debit card while travelling costs about £16, against the £28 cost on £500 of traveler's cheques.

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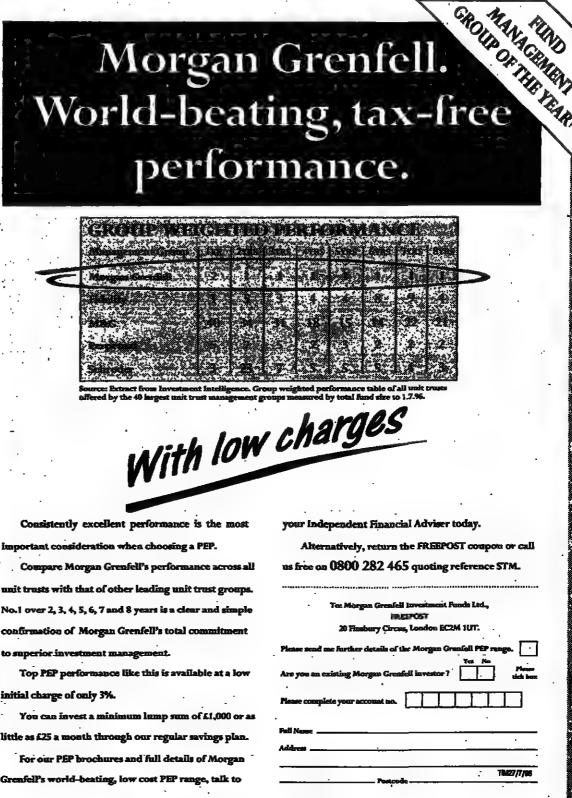


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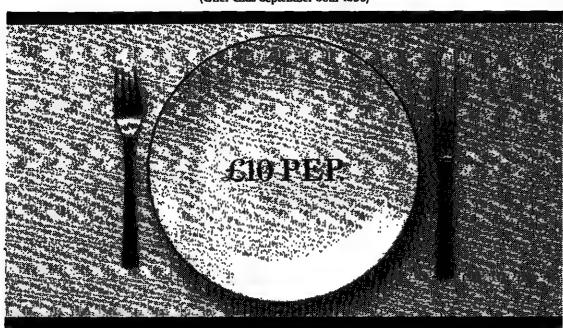
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Sara McConnell finds help at hand on leasehold loan problems

Sold short on a lease

state agents and lease-hold advisers are putting together plans to help the growing number of people on short leases who are told their homes are unmort-gageable when they come to sell them.

Lenders are increasingly reluctant to offer loans on properties with leases of less than 75 years to run. According to the government-funded Lease-hold Enfranchisement Advisory Service (LEAS), many have tightened their criteria in

the past 18 months. Where they would previously have lent on a property with a 50 or 60-year lease, they are now insisting on 75 years, in spite of provisions put in place three years ago for leasehold-ers to extend by 90 years. Flatowners in London are

among the hardest hit by leases as a depreciating asset. Many live in flats that were first converted in the housing boom of the 1970s and their leases are now 20 years old. The LEAS this week attack-

ed lenders for their "inexplic-

able" stance on short leases, which it says is further holding back a still weak market. Peter Haler, chief executive, said: "The mortgageability of short leases is down and the responsibility for this remains with the lenders. Almost anyone can extend their lease, so

any other lease.
"We have vendors saying. "We have a purchaser but we can't complete because the lender won't offer them a mortgage' ".

any lease is worth the same as

Now the LEAS and the National Association of Estate Agents are discussing the pos-



Under offer -- but many leasehold flatowners cannot sell

sibility of developing a lease-hold extension information pack containing all the necessary legal forms and advice. Sellers with short leases would be told they could apply to extend their leases and register their intention at the Land Registry. Lenders would be shown the evidence that this

be up to the seller to complete the procedure once he or she had bought the property. The cost would be split between buyer and seller. As long as property for three years before applying - a pre-requisite for - the lease could be extended immediately. The had been done. It would then plans are still at an early stage and will be discussed again in September. So how do you extend your lease in the meantime if you are in this

situation? You can apply for an extension as an individual without involving your fellow leaseholders. You qualify if your lease was originally longer than 21 years and you pay a low ground rent. This means not more than two thirds of the rateable value of the property on leases granted before April 1. 1963 and before April 1, 1990. After this it must be less than £1,000 in London and £250 elsewhere. You must have lived in the property for three

years.

You can serve a nonce on your landlord formally making an offer of what you are prepared to pay. To do this you will probably need the help of a valuer and a solicitor.

■ Your landlord has two months to respond to your notice, either accepting or rejecting your enritlement to extend your lease and your

If you cannot agree on a price, you will have to go to the Leasehold Valuation Tribunal. The LEAS says the basic cost of a leasehold extension is about £250, but added to this is a sum for "marriage value" which compensates the landlord for a reduction in the value of his interest in the

Throughout the process you must respond within deadlines specified, otherwise the application will fall through. You will then have to pay your landlord's costs and wait a year before applying

The leaseholder's charter

STRENGTHENED rights for long leaseholders were signed into law this week in the Housing Act. giving them new powers to resist intimidation, extortion and incompetence from their freeholders, and greater access to affordable justice.

Under the Act: Leaseholders will be able to challenge unreasonable service charges and bad management through a leasehold valuation tribunal (LVI) instead of a court, probably from next April. The tribunal will charge a set fee of not more than £500 per application, with neither side being awarded costs. This is intended to overcome the reluciance they end up paying the landlord's costs. But the new rules do not prevent landlords claiming back costs if this is in the lease.

Landlords will not be able to threaten those who refuse to pay service charges with forfeiture of a lease until the LVT has ruled the charge is reasonable.

It will be a criminal offence for landlords not to offer leaseholders first refusal if he wants to sell his freehold. Previously there was no sanction for ignoring leaseholders' rights.

The LVT will be able to appoint a

manager in place of a landlord who persistently levies high charges or of leaseholders to go to court in case proposes unreasonable (unnecessarily

grand or unnecessarily shoddy) repairs. If this manager is still in place two years later, leaseholders will be able to buy the freehold at its open market value without any extra compensation for the landlord.

Landlords will no longer be able to split freeholds to create two companies and thus prevent people buying their freehold — the so called "flying freehold"

Those with leases with original terms of more than 35 years will not have to satisfy a complex "low rent" test before buying their freehold or extend-ing their lease.

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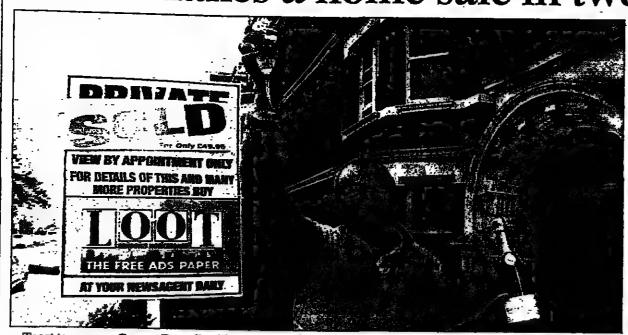
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'Loot' makes a home sale in two weeks

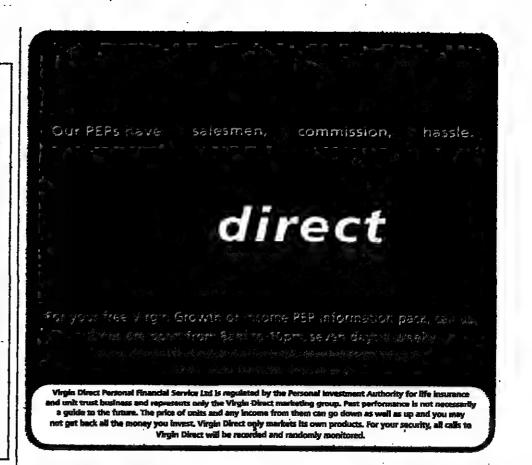


Toast to success: George Parnell sold his Battersea flat by setting viewing appointments to his convenience

south London, flat on the market for months with an estate agent. But he was unhappy. "I didn't want to give them the key," says George, 49. "But that meant they would ring me at work and ask me to be at the house within half an hour because someone wanted to see it right then."

The Manor Block flat was priced right — others in the block had recently sold for £70,000 to £80,000 but he was only asking £68,000 because he wanted a quick sale. He heard about Loot, signed up and within two weeks the flat was sold.

"The sign said the flat was advertised in Loot, people looked in it, rang me and we set a convenient time. I only got genuine viewers." Four people saw the flat before it sold. George also saved the agent's 2 per cent fee.



Do-it-yourself and sell

ncreasing numbers of enterprising do-it-yourself-ers are looking to save thousands of pounds by sell-ing their own house. Although stiff competition among solicitors and estate agents is driving down the price of moving, many people still want to cut out the middle person.

The estate agent's job is to arrange a valuation, advise on the sale price and show interested buyers your home. With a little effort you can do their job and save on commission fees of between 1.5 and 4 per cent. That means a saving of between £1,500 and £4,000, if your home is worth £100,000.

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If the sale is simple some people opt to do the conveyancing themselves, though most lenders will probably insist on using a solicitor.

And if you are buying a lease rather than a freehold it is probably not a good idea to do the conveyancing yourself. The National Consumer

Council says there may be hidden clauses about escalating management charges and

problems with insurance. Neil Smith, for The Law Society, also cautions against not using a solicitor: "If something goes wrong you are really on your own."

If you have signed up with an estate agent make sure the agreement is formally ended genuine buyers. There are a number of free advertising are selling and £224 plus VAT if you are buying. You will still papers where you can adver-tise and it is a good idea to put have to pay Land Registry fees, and stamp duty. You also a "Private For Sale" board outget a 12 per cent discount off side your home. Once the property is sold the board removals when you sell. Loot, the free ads news-paper, has a similar service for

should read "sold subject to contract" not "under offer". E59.95 called Loot Private Sale. U-Sell Direct can help you This includes 12 weeks advertising, access to legal advice and property detail sheets to for a registration fee of £49.95. hand out to prospective buy-ers. For those who do not want to put their phone number on a sale board, Loot has an agent's job and save on commission answer service at mobile phone rates.

Remember, in England either party can pull out before contracts are exchanged. You may want to ask for a deposit to compensate for this occurring.

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The fee includes "Private For With a little effort you can do the

before you sell privately, because some contracts specify that commission is payable even if you find the buyer.

Your first task is to arrange for a valuation. Contact the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors for your nearest valuer, who will charge between E75 and £100. Now you need to attract

Sale" boards, sales details sheets, room measurement sheets and advertisements in free magazines. It has a free helpline to marketing, solicitor's and surveyor's advice.

The package includes a guide book on how to sell your own house and vouchers for conveyancing services, which

A helping hand from the doctor

the bathroom. In her own US city of San Francisco she's been nicknamed the house doctor. And for good reason.

A former real estate agent and now an interior designer, Ann Maurice is noted for helping many thousands of despondent homeowners to sell their houses. She claims that many of her clients sell in the first week and almost all in the first month.

In April she appeared on BBC2's Home Front to help one British homeowner whose two-bedroom Victorian cottage had been on the market for a year. After she had whisked through the house — clearing, throwing out tatty plants, covering the couch, adding a fresh coat of paint and hanging a few inexpensive prints — the cottage sold

in nine days.
According to the Estates Gazette, it will cost at least £17,000 to bring a 30-year-old home up to modern standards. But Ms Maurice knows of many cheaper, easier ways to improve your chances of attracting a buyer.

First, look at the entrance ay as though you are seeing

he recommends flowers. the driveway — does the house. fresh towels and getting look inviting, do you think: rid of that spider plant in that house must be cute inthat house must be cute inside?" Replace broken flower pots, dead plants and old mats. Scratches on the door from your pets should be covered with a coat of paint.

Once inside, take down all those jackets hanging at the door and leave just one. Clear away books and magazines and children's toys. Benches in the kitchen must be completely clear of everything except what you use everyday. Clear the bathroom of all toiletries and spider plants. Buy some new fluffy towels and only put them out on a viewing.

"People complain that this is all too much work. But I tell them they'll have to do it when you move anyway, so they might as well do it now."

Paint the walls an antique white or bone and then add some colour with cushions, mats and prints, which pick up the same tones. "I tell people: 'I'm not asking you to like the way it looks, just live like this until it sells. It's an artifical way to live before the sale, but it works."

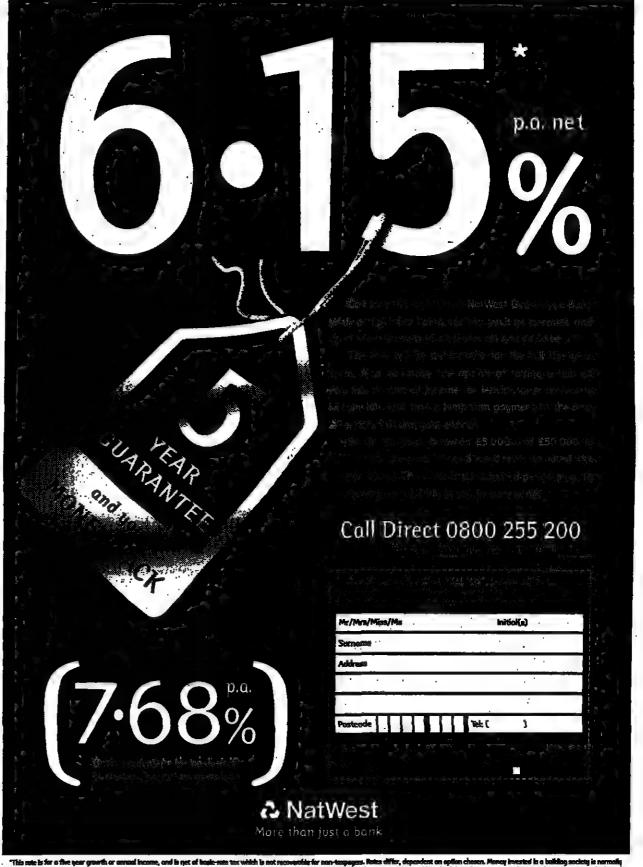
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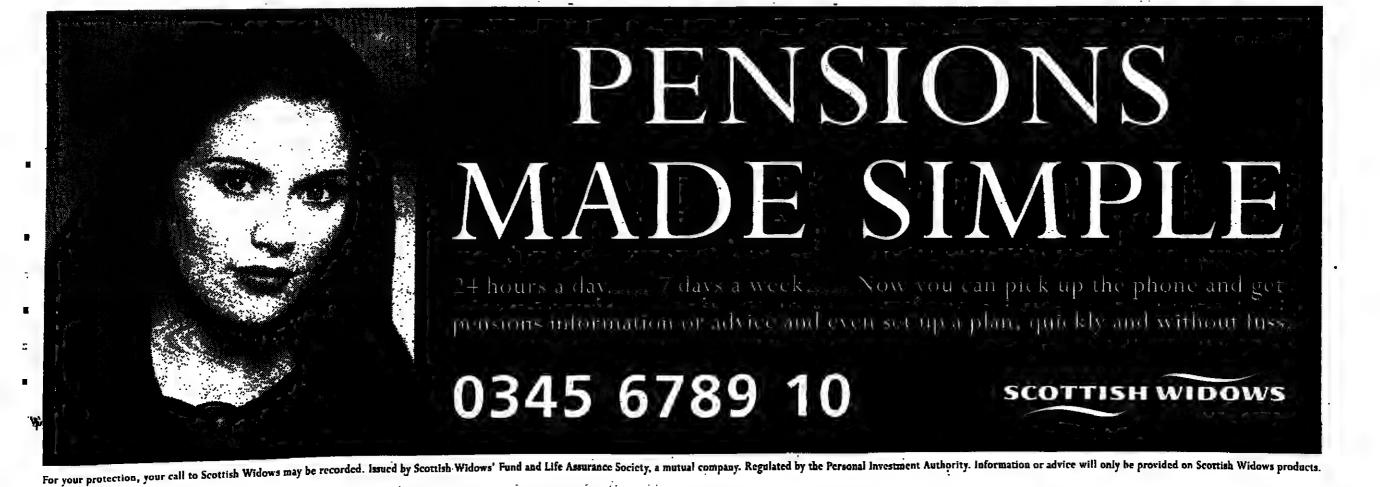


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Building Society is launching a 30-day notice postal account offering rates of up to 5.90 per cent gross per annum. 'First Class' 30' is the only notice postal account with a monthly interest payment option. The minimum investment is £10,000 up to a maximum of £100,000.

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WATERS LUNNISS, the broking arm of Norwich and Peterborough Building Society, has introduced a complete probate valuation service. This will enable solicitors to cut the length of time it takes to assess the value of a deceased person's estate. A full valuation is provided

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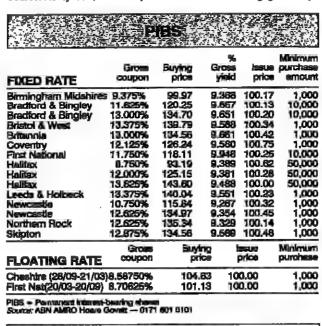
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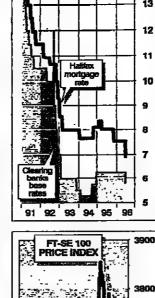
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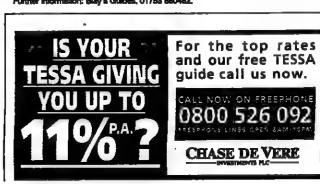
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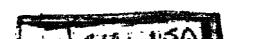
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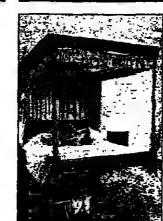
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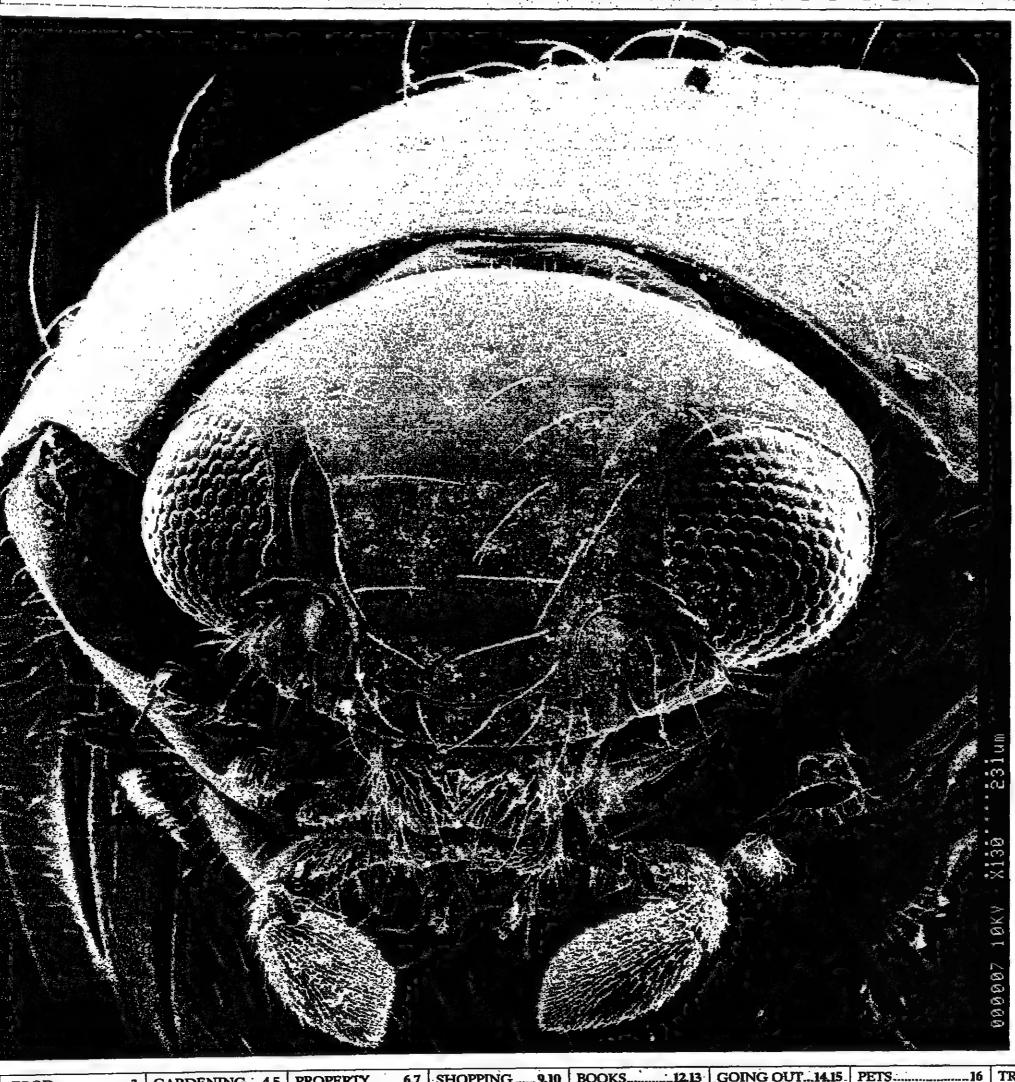


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THE BEAST THAT WILL SAVE YOUR GARDEN



Perry Cleveland-Peck on

the biological control superbugs that could take the place of pesticides

arlier this month a predator was released into the hallowed gardens of Britain: gardens like yours and mine. It is a beast previously unknown to this green and fecund land; a creature which survives by sucking the life out of the animals around it.

Indigenous to the jungles of central America, Delphastus pusillus is a black, predatory beetle that sounds like a nightmare but could beetle that sounds like a nightmare but could just be the gardener's saviour: it feeds on whitefly. The whitefly, responsible for killing your painstakingly cultivated plants, are so voracious that, if left uncontrolled, they are capable of annihilating a commercial crop of vegetables, worth £250,000 per hectre, in a season. Research by Hanover University in Germany estimates that the global cost of plant pests to commercial growers, from 1988-1990, was about \$37 billion (£24.5 billion).

For amateur gardeners, whitefly ruin plants and cost time, money and energy. Often the last line of defence against these pests is chemical warfare, but insecticides can leave residues on your plants, and the insects they

residues on your plants, and the insects they are trying to combat can soon show a remarkable resistance. There is also the cost that some chemical insecticides have on the

But all this is likely to change.

Delphastus pusillus is playing a central part in an expanding movement towards biological control of pests such as whitefly, a system which employs predators or parasites to kill the creatures which kill our plants. It is an effective method, first practised in the commercial world by Californian growers at the turn of the century, and one that is slowly making its way on to the amateur gardener's market.

elphastus is similar to many biological control organisms sold by a British company, Defenders, based in Kent. Its sister company, Biological Crop Protection, supplies the commercial plant world and was granted a licence to release delphastus into commercial glasshouses by the Department of the Environment late last year.

Defenders is running trials with delphastus to examine its suitability for application to the domestic greenhouse environment. Trials are being held in gardens throughout the country.

Whitefly is a small, white, waxy fly commonly found on greenhouse plants such as fuchsias, pelargoniums and chrysanthemums, as well as tomatoes and cucumbers. The fly sucks the sap from the plant's leaves and stems, leaving a distinctive sticky honeydew and in the long run, a sick or dead plant. A beneficial insect already on the market as a

whitefly control is an organism called Encarsia formosa. This is a minute, clear-winged, parasitic wasp which slows down, but does not stop, the spread of whitefly by laying its eggs inside the whitefly larvae, killing the larvae and procreating its own species in the process. Each encarsia can lay about 100 eggs in her month-long lifetime. But it is a laborious

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INSIDE STORY

The beetle revels among whitefly, seeking and devouring the adults



Clive Foster, the pest control officer at Kew, now uses biological control. Only in extreme cases are chemicals used

Continued from page ! process: encarsia can lay only one egg inside each whitefly larva, which take about two to four weeks to hatch. It therefore does not have an immediate impact on an infestation of

cousin of the ladybird. Delphastus pusillus adopts a pro-active attitude in dealing with the whitefly. A predator rather than a parasite, it revels among concentrations of the pest, seeking out the adult whitefly and devouring them. It is hoped that, by using delphastus, reductions of the whitefly populations should be apparent almost immediately.

For the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew, southwest London, holder of one of the world's most important plant collections, effective pest control is crucial. Kew has been practising biological control, or Integrated Pest Management (IPM) — a system which uses chemicals that have no harmful effects on the beneficial insects — as its general red spider mite, whitefly, and fumigation.

garden policy since 1991. The plant collections at Kew are housed in precisely controlled environments, from moist tropics to alpine habitats. Only in extreme cases does Kew resort to chemicals.

With more than 40,000 taxa (specific species) of plants and about 750,000 specimens of fungi, Kew has to deal with many varieties of plant pest. the most common being whitefly, vine weevil, thrips, red spider mite, aphids, scale insect and mealybugs. These are pests found in all glass or greenhouses, including yours and mine (see chart, right). Clive Foster, Kew's pest

control co-ordinator, says: Towards the late 1980s we started noticing that the pests were becoming increasingly resistant to the range of chemicals that we were using to combat them. After extensive trials in 1987, we began using biological controls.

We use biological methods primarily to minimise pest damage to our glasshouse collections. In particular, we have had success controlling

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citrus mealybug. This is highly significant: whitefly and spider mite are the two worst glasshouse pests that a grower, will come across. With biological control, these pests can be eradicated without using chemicals.

"We have a rare plant called Trachetiopsis erythroxylon. which comes from St Helena in the South Atlantic. Until 1974 it was believed to be extinct. Trochetiopsis suffered terribly from the attentions of red spider mite and at one time was very, very poorly. Now, thanks to biological controls, it is in a much better

ment at Kew has proved more expensive. Last year it spent £16,000 on biological controls, double what it used to spend on chemicals. The staff at Kew believe the expense is worth it. because biological controls are sometimes much easier and safer to work with than chemicals; and Kew does not have to close houses to the public for

ntegrated pest manage-

Even more exotic methods of biological control have been attempted at Kew. "We had a rather bad cockroach problem." Mr Foster says. "and initially we did not know if there was a chemical available to deal with them. A butterfly farmer told us that quails keep cockroaches down, so we got some Chinese painted quails. We have had them two years but they don't really work and, I suppose, they are more ornamental than anything else.

"We also have some Chilean runner lizards in the Palm House, given to us by Customs and Excise after they had been discovered being smuggled into the country. The lizards are not particularly successful, either: they eat even fewer cockroaches than the quails and we'd need thousands of lizards if we were to get rid of

Overseas, delphastus is a key player in efforts to save commercial crops from a new strain of whitefly. The B biotype strain of Bemisia tabaci tobacco whitefly) is a serious threat to greenhouse crops on

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GARDEN PESTS
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America. It is an extremely hardy strain of whitefly, one that can spread up to 60 plant viruses, including the plantkilling geminae virus, as well as a pest which feeds on 600 varieties of crops. as opposed to the one or two varieties that our native whitefly eat. In addition, it is resistant to many of the traditional chemical pesticides.

In America, bemisia is estimated to have caused \$500 million (about £330 million) of damage to the 1991 winter vegetable harvest and, in the process, has displaced the

native American whitefly. Officially, Britain is free of Bemisia tabaci, but outbreaks have occured annually in this country since 1987, usually in autumn when poinsettias are imported from the Continent. The Plant Health Service of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAFF) is using delphastus to fight an outbreak of bemisia at some glasshouses in Wales.

Abroad, Dutch growers have been using delphastus against bemisia with great success for two years. Are there any risks associat-

ed with biological control? Can the release of a non-indige-nous creature upset our native ecosystem and biodiversity? Dr Roger Boothe, a leading entomologist at the Natural History Museum, London, who specialises in the study of

this type of beetle, says: "The only concern I have with releasing delphastus is the effect it may have on our native ladybirds by devouring a main source of food. Depending on how tropical an

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taken from, they will probably not survive the British winters and, so as far as I can tell, they do not provide much of a threat to our ladybirds."

Before granting a release licence, the Department of the Environment insist on rigorous trials. The organisms have to show that they are strictly host-specific to the target creatures, meaning that they will kill only the pests that they are

Sold strictly as host-specific controls, encarsia and delphastus will, we are assured, die off when all the whitely have been eradicated and their food source has gone. And, being native to a tropical climate. they should die off when the first frost arrives.

owever, Professor Jaqueline Mc-Glade, a senior lecturing ecologist at the University of Warwick. says that biological control can have its drawbacks if not employed in a responsible manner. She says: "Myxoma-tosis was a biological control programme that was used in Australia against rabbits, resulting in the widely reported disastrous effects.

"More recently, the introduction of the Nile Perch as

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insects not drawn to scale

programme to increase the sea food quota in the Mediterranean was so successful that it displaced and damaged much of the native biodiversity." Nevertheless, Dr Jeff

sap from leeves, stems and roots distorting plant growth. Deposit a sooty mould on leaves and

Waggi, head of the International Institute of Biological Control, at Silwood Park, Berkshire, says: "Of the 6,000 or so biological control programmes introduced globally in the past century, only a handful have shown any indication of harmful effects. Biological controls are more environmentally friendly than chemicals - they are non-toxic and exhibit no effects on human fertility or cause any kind of birth defects."

Biological control is a complicated science in which new developments are made every day. If practised wisely and

employing the natural cycle of predator and pray to keep down your plant pests. However, natural cycles are delicate things and the most vigorous research needs to be undertaken before releasing non-endemic creatures into any environment, even one that is enclosed.

if researched and used wisely, biological controls could spell the end for chemical insecticides: one commercial grower is planning to introduce red spider mite to his tomato crop next year to establish a ripe environment for the control insects.

So, while contemplating your flower borders, beds and shrubberies this summer, bear in mind, as Kipling observed, that "the Glory of the Garden lies in more than

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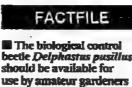
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after information from the on-going trials has been analysed. ■ Biological controls should not be used in combination with most

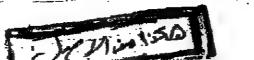
chemical insecticides. because the chemicals will kill the beneficial organisms. ■ The Defenders

company (01233 813121), which supplies biological controls, also has a nandbook which explains the intricacies of the science. Price £5.95.

Other suppliers of approved biological controls include Scarletts (01206 240466) and Green Gardener, which also operates a 24-hour helpline on 01603 715096.



Cover picture of Delphastus pusitus, magnified 400 times and coloured, and the picture above by CHRIS JONES of the electron microscope unit, Natural History Museum, London



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FOOD

Forget ice-cream and sorbets, a steaming bowl of mulligatawny is the only way to cool down during a searing English summer

had an aunt who was a devoted tennis player and swore blind that the best way to cool off in very but weather was not to down icy drinks, but to swill a cup of hor steaming tea. It made you sweat, she said, and hence you canded, I was seven years old at the time. this was explained to me and I was not convinced that this was anything other than a hastily concocted theory to get her out of buying me an ice-cream.

But as the summer goes on. I am heginning to wonder if she was not right. If you look at the cuisine of the hotter parts of the world, like India, there is not a lot of chilled soup or sorbet to be found. Quite the reverse; the higher the sun gets in the sky, the honer the curries, and the cooler the people become. This appears to be a fortunate side-effect because doubtless the pungent curry spices were used initially as preservatives to prolong the life of meat beyond the minutes it would have stayed fresh in the searing heat. Whatever the truth, curry remains a remarkable dish for it not only cools you in the summer, but warms every part of the body in winter. What other

If you can't stand the heat

dish can achieve that? But the trouble with curry is that it can sit heavy, and an extra spicy burden round the midriff is hardly welcome at this time of year. So here is my solution which is drawn from the late 18th century and which somehow I feel one should sip underneath a fluttering Union Jack humming The Road to Mandalay.

Mulligatawny soup: my family could hardly believe it when I announced on the honest day of the summer so far that they were to expect a steaming panful of soup for supper. If it had to be soup, they said, let it at least be a chilly gazpacho. But curry, please no! I told them about the glorious days of Empire, the East India Company and its employees with whom this was a favourite. They pleaded for salad and jugs of iced water. I told them the name comes from the Tamil milakutanni, which translates as pepper water. My daughter threatened to ring

persisted. I had not decided wheth-er it was to be a clear or a

thick mulligatawny. Lord Lurgan, I read in an extract from the 19th-century Cookery Book of Lady Clark of Tillypronie, liked his clear; Mrs Beeton's seemed much thicker but required the use of almonds, lemon pickle and a calf's head, and I had sufficient family revolt on my hands already.
All recipes, of course,

require the use of curry powder and I wonder whether this is a major cheat? Elizabeth David wrote: "To me they are unlikeable, harshly flavoured, and possessed of an aroma clinging and as allpervading in its way as that of English

and the company of th

PAUL HEINEY

flower." The alternative is to draw upon a blend of aniseed, cardamom, cori-ander, cumin, mustard seed, ginger, almond, turmeric ... and many more, all of which need putting in a mortar and pestle and grinding by hand. Then, given that most of

us are not blessed with Miss David's delicate palate, you might almost end up with a curry powder HOME MADE that tastes as good as the stuff in the packet. As we

were all hot enough already and an afternoon's spice-grinding looked about grateful to the Patak family for their bottled curry pastes.

Now for the recipe, and here I am

grateful to Helen Steven, of Chorleywood, who possesses a secret hoard of recipes by H. W. Brand, who was a chef in a royal kitchen in the middle of the last

Among them is a recipe for mulligatawny soup which compares well with both Mrs Becton's and that of Alexis Soyer, the famous French chef who made his name at the Reform Club, and of whom it was written: "The minute hand did not pass more regularly over the face of the clock than the assistants of Soyer revolved round him as the centre planet

This is very much my personal ambition; but far from revolving around me my entire family, threatened by soup, slunk off to various shady corners leaving me with one pound of chicken thigh pieces, butter, oil, an onion, a stick of celery, a carrot, a

TONY STONE MONTAG

that pungent jar of curry paste. I glanced at the thermometer: 80F in the shade. The recipe invited me to sweat the chopped onion in the oil and butter but it seemed to be sweating of its own accord.

Once it was cooked through but not browned, I added the carrot and chopped celery and fried it all together till light brown. The heat rose, the dog started to pant. Then I added the chicken pieces till they were browned and cooked through, followed by a hefty tablespoon of that curry paste. When that hit the pan, thermometers for miles around trembled and the cat fled up a leafy tree for shade.

I stirred in the flour then slowly added the stock, fearing that it would go lumpy if I did not stir as if my life depended on it. I began to see images of cases in deserts and cried for water. Once stirred and boiled, I covered the pan and let it simmer for 30 minutes and went to lie down hoping a small boy with a fan would waft cooling air over me.

Typically for this summer, the evening turned out to be cool and damp and the family was very grateful for it.

Pumped up ices

LAST WEEKEND's heatwave has done no end of good for ice-cream sales. It may be naive, but not unrealistic, to hope that ice-cream is made from iced cream and, apart from fruit or chocolate chips or whatever else you may fancy, nothing else. So next time you buy a tub. I suggest you look at the label.

On close inspection of Sainsbury's Indulgence range. I found emulsifiers (mono and diglycerides of fatty acids) and stabilisers (guar gum, xan-



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DIGEST

than gum, locust bean gum). Most manufacturers insist they are necessary for shelflife and texture - but I wonder. Rocombe Farm Fresh Ice-Cream, Häagan-Dazs and Ben & Jerry's do not use them. I think they muddy the flavour and leave a sticky taste in the mouth that — yes, you've guessed it — makes you thirsty

for yet another ice-cream. What's possibly more worrying is the "over-run" (ice-cream-speak for added air). Now you have to add air to icecream otherwise it would set rock hard, and it is the very air that gives ice-cream its light fluffy texture. But how much is acceptable? Some manufacturers go for as much as 120 per cent, which makes theirs a very fluffy product indeed; others, such as Marks & Spencer premium range and Rocombe Farm. add 30 per cent: Sainsbury's will not say how much it includes. Curiously, the manufacturers are under no obligation to declare the over-run on the tub.

The point is that ice-cream can he sold legally in Britain by volume rather than weight. This means a manufacturer can fill a tub up with an awful lot of air and no one will be any the wiser. Adding air to ice-cream is not a bad thing per se but I think we need to be told how much we are getting.

Class act

IF YOU think Lancashire cheese has no more to offer than a sharp flavour and a dry crumbly texture, then think again. Made with two and sometimes even three-day curds, proper Lancashire is rich and buttery with a honeyed, flower-fresh flavour.

A couple of weekends ago, while judging the cheese class-es at the Great Eccleston Show near Blackpool, I tasted more than 50 Lancashires; several were seriously good. The win-ner of the traditional class was an II-week cheese made by Caron Lodge and it was truly buttery with a light grassy

The problem is that you can hardly ever buy these Lanca-shires out of the county: partly because Lancastrians know a good thing and hang on to it and partly because it is so rich. buttery and crumbly that it is almost impossible to pre-pack. What we end up with on the supermarket shelves are those acid cheeses that are no more real thing and are so much

But now cheese specialist Peter Gott has answered our plight and for £4.50 (including postage and packing) will send a ilb chunk of Caron Lodge's Lancashire (it might not be the actual winning cheese but it will be from a similar batch). He can be contacted at Sillfield Farm, Endmoor, Kendal, Cumbria LA8 0HZ (01539 567609).

Top seeds

HAS IT ALSO struck you just how boring our tomatoes are - even so-called vine tomatoes? Next year why not grow your own? You won't need much space, and a balcony or window sill can house as good a crop as a greenhouse. What is important is the variety of tomato you choose.

The Simpson's Seeds nursery grows most of its own seed



to sell either in packets or as plantlets. Every tomato variety is chosen for its flavour and is tasted by Mrs Simpson. Among her favourites this year are Noire Charbonneuse. an extraordinary dark-skinned, almost chocolate brown, tomato with a piercing flavour, and Mirabelle Blanche, which is completely white but

Each year the Simpsons choose around 200 different varieties from their "library" of more than 2,000. They are still in the throes of compiling the 1997 catalogue, but if you send off a request with a firstclass stamp, they will post one off as soon as it is ready.

probably this autumn.

Write to Simpson's Seeds, 27 Meadowbrook, Old Oxted, Surrey RH8 9LT.

Ice-creams are light and fluffy because they contain "over-run" -- up to 120 per cent of added air. But why can't we be told how much? In a crush

UNTIL recently I happily bought refined sunflower oil

◆ Fiona Beckett is on holiday

Chocolate Box

IN THE HIGH heat of British summer, tea is as much a tradition off the cricket pitch as whites are on it. The action may be on the green, but the real

rush occurs under the trees: for the chocolate cake. The late Brian Johnston would have been proud to indulge in most of the nine we sampled. The true victor of the day was Harvey Nichols's Chocolate Alcazar (£10.95 for six portions): three layers of cake sandwiched with mousse, covered with dark icing and topped with fine chocolate slivers. This was no Harrods's Chocolate Truffle Cake (£18) and Chocolate and Praline Feuilletine (£18), the runners-up. The first, sprinkled with rich cocoa powder, was a fluffy dark-chocolate mousse on a fine cake base. The latter was a triangle of nuts, cocoa powder and thin chocolates, with a crunchy boneycomb and chocolate base topped with caramel mousse.

AFTER THESE, "normal" chocolate cakes just weren't the same. Sarah Meade's Rich Chocolate and Almond Truffle Cake was voted best of the rest, thanks to its almond flavour, moistness and softness. However, it was small, making £13.95 seem a bit steep. Not nearly as steep, though, as Fortnum & Mason's Rich and Dark Chocolate Cake (£4.95), encased in a baked bean-size tin that had to be prized open with a can-opener. It might make a good companion for a hiking trip, but its chocolate-muffin flavour and crumbly texture won few points.

Marks & Spencer doesn't make a chocolate cake in summer (they don't sell, apparently), although Tesco does a light and rich Chocolate Fudge Cake for just £1.35. Waltrose's version (£7.49) looked as

good, but its rich appearance belied a floury taste. When it came to the Sainsbury's duo, looks were their biggest downfall. Pink fudge-like porkers on the Pig Out cake (£5.75) just don't score. Nor do hundreds and thousands on its Seriously Choco-latey Birthday Cake (£4.75). Both are ideal for children's birthday parties, as they are light, easily chocoholics, they're just not cricket.

LISA GRAINGER

from the supermarket, but I've just heard it will not do. The latest "must-have" is Girasolio, an extra-virgin, coldpressed sunflower oil.

At £3.99 a litre it is undoubtedly good for you. The oil is produced by crushing the whole seeds, rather than by the chemical process of extraction, and it has a low acid content. But I found it tasted earthy and far too intrusive. I think I'll strick with the blander, cheaper chemical version after all.

are coated in the lemony olive oil. Break the salmon into

chunks. Snip 150g (50z) smoked salmon into strips.

Mix the salmon and the smoked salmon into the pasta, taking care not to break up the

Prepare calamari and

You can buy ready-battered calamari or it's a seven-minute

job to make your own. Heat up Iths oil in a frying pan. Dip

450g (Ilb) calamari rings in a

beaten egg and then in 50g (20z) flour which has been seasoned with salt and pepper.

Fry half the calamari on each

side, until they are browned. Put onto a baking tray. Add

more oil to the pan and fry the

rest of the calamari. Pre-heat

the oven to 200C/400F/Gas

Crush I clove of garlic and

mix with 3 tbs mayonnaise and a squeeze of lemon in a

When you are ready to eat, put the calamari into the oven

for a minute or two (and no

more) to crisp up the outside. Serve with the mayonnaise. If

the mood takes you, arrange the calamari on the plate like

mark 6.

serving bowl.

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Olympic calamari rings with garlic mayonnaise Salmon and rocket pasta salad Bourbon syllabub

This dinner can be eaten in

front of the television, but make sure the dishes are out of the way when the starting gun goes. You could start the evening with a lil' shot of the Southern States by serving Bourbon before dinner, on the rocks, with a mixer or in a cocktail like a Manhattan (2 parts bourbon to I part Vermouth, a dash of Angostura bitters, a maraschino cocktail cherry and plenty of ice).

Make the syllabub Put 290ml (½ pint) whipping cream, 100ml (3fl oz/wineglass) sherry. 2tbs bourbon. 3tbs maple syrup and the juice of half an orange in a big bowl. Whisk until the cream can hold floppy peaks. Put into

wine glasses and refrigerate. Make pasta salad Bring a large pan of salted wher to the boil. Cook 400g

(14oz) pasta shapes such as bows or shells according to packet instructions (generally about ten minutes). Put 250g (9oz) mangetouts in the pan to cook with the pasta for the last 2

Meanwhile, heat a little oil in a frying pan until hot. Cook 700g (1 2 lb) skinned minutes. Drain.



Shopping list

Fruit and vegetables 2 orange 250g (90z) mangetouts 14 lemons 2 large handfuls rocket I clove garlic

Savoury goods 400g (14oz) pasta shapes 6ths extra-virgin olive

l egg 50g (202) plain flour

290mil (12 pint) whipping 3tbs mayonnaise

Sweet goods 3ths maple syrup Drink 100m1/3fl oz/wine-glass sherry

Meat and fish 700g (1½ lb) skinned salmon fillet

150g (5oz) smoked

450g (llb) calamari

2tbs bourbon 3 bottles white wine champagne on standby for a British win

Put the pasta in bowls so you salmon fillet for about 3-5 minutes on each side, depending on the thickness of Put 6ths olive oil, the juice of 1 lemon, 2

large handfuls of rocket, salt and pepper in a large bowl. Put the drained pasta and mangetouts in the bowl and toss so they

are less likely to spill. Syllabub always separates a little. Eat the cream with small spoons and spoon up or drink the liquid at the bottom of the glass. Open the champagne when Britain wins gold.

HATTIE ELLIS

GARDENING

Kew's big chill holds seeds of the future

Dedicated collectors are making sure endangered plants will be here for the next generation. Stephen Anderton met the men who scour the world for them

he Prince of Wales recently planted a Plymouth pear, one of Britain's rarest trees, at Kew Gardens, to mark the launch of Kew's Millennium Seedbank Appeal. By 2000, Kew intends to have collected and frozen for posterity seeds of all 1,400 of Britain's native plants.

The collection will be housed at its garden at Wakehurst Place in Sussex. By 2010, it hopes to have collected seed of a further 10 per cent of the world's flora, or 25,000 species. Some project. Some fridge.

Michiel Van Slageren, a Dutchman, is one of Kew's field collectors, whose job it is to bring back seed. At 41 he is not the youngest of collectors. Collecting is a tough business, demanding independence and physical stamina on long, difficult field trips but it also requires a broad experience of the subject. It is no use setting off with a smile and spotted hanky on a stick to bring back the world's flora, you have to plan what to expect, what will be important, and what will be bearing seed when you get there.

The first question must be where to collect, the world is a big place after all. Everyone knows about the threats to rain forests, and the speed of their decline. With scientists predicting that 25 per cent of the world's flora will be extinct in 50 years, time is short but Kew has chosen to concentrate instead on the semi-arid tropical regions. They may be less juicy, less pretty on film than the rainforests, but they support a quarter of the world's human population.

Semi-arid floras are Mr Van Slageren's speciality. Before com-ing to Kew in 1995, he spent six years working at the International present there are two collectors, Mr Van Slageren and Michael Way. who specialises in the semi-arid

areas of the New World. As the new Millennium Seedbank project develops however, another 25 collectors will join them, boldly going to countries across the globe, one month at home planning with the help of the Kew computer database, the next month out in the field. It may do a lot for the world, but as Mr Van Slageren's admits, it does not do much for his family life. Kew has received £21.5 million



from the Millennium Commission for the project. The telecommunications firm. Orange, has pledged £2.5 million over the next ten years. But it still needs a further £7.3 million to collect and secure the future of the seeds. The appeal, whose patron is Sir David Attenborough, is seeking individual donations of £15 or more from

seed? When Mr Van Slageren comes back with his 50 kilo sack of perhaps?) seeds, from palm seeds the size of your fist to those as fine as dust,

what happens to it all? Even at its present size the Kew Seedbank receives three or four requests for seed per day, for scientific research in different countries. Various species of pea (Lathyrus) have been used in investigating treatment for Parkinson's disease. (Never a bad idea to have a packet of frozen peas in the freezer

Bidens pilosa, a relative of the yellow Bidens ferrulifolia that we use in hanging baskets, may be about to provide an effective treatment for ringworm, which plagues so much of Africa.

Acacias are being used to reforest degraded areas in Uganda, providing fuel, building materials and fodder to the local people, and bringing a halt to rapid soil erosion. Uses such as these are why seedbanks are so important. They can provide a means of remaking a human habitat, not just adding a few more years to the average Western lifespan. Seeds stored safely "help keep our options open", as Kew puts it.

Michiel Van Slageren, a collector, in Kew's massive seed cold store. Inset, the Argemone Mexicana, or Mexican poppy, which was traced for the Millennium appeal

But doesn't it seem a little odd that the seedbank for semi-arid

regions is to be in England? Does it not sound just a bit like a last twitch of Empire? Mr Van Slageren has no objections to the project, and he is not even British. Much of the work cannot be done without the complete co-operation of countries involved and their scientific bodies. More than 20 of the 27 seed collectors will be from collaborat-

Kew aims to advise and assist on the establishment of seedbanks in other countries. Most Middle Eastem countries are quickly learning the need for seedbanks and have their own already.

ountries with their own seedbanks will keep part of the collection there, and only seed from countries as yet without seedbanks will be kept in its entirety by Kew. And there is no question of making profits from the natural resources of another country. This is science, not politics.

Curious, though, that for all its unashamedly about saving plants not for their own sake but for their value to man and our environment. I find that refreshingly hardheaded, and honest.

Saving plants from extinction on this scale may be something of a rearguard action, but it is wonderfully positive endeavour. Kew will certainly be getting my £15.

● The Millennium Seedbank Appeal is Inviting members of the public to make a donation of E15 by ringing 0973 10 2000 or writing to the appeal at PO Box 4370, London SW15 2PF.

THE FLOWERS

DOES Michiel Van Slageren

not lose his horticultural beart to a rare exotic species every now and then? Apparently not. His fascination with the project is that of a botanist, whose job it is to find and collect specific plants, impersonal as a heat-seeking missile. Kewspeak for the process is capturing the germplasm". But, when pressed, Van Slageren will admit that there is a place for one or two of his protegées in British gardens, despite the difference in climate. Among the plants he has been required to collect are the annual herbuceous Amaranthus hybridus, from Saudi Arabia, a fodder plant but with the usual flower plumes of the genus, and Mexican poppy. What a wonderful annual this is: glaucous grey leaves, startling papery yellow flowers, and prickly seed pods which dry beautifully. He has also collected Lawsonia inerma, an ornamental tree in hotter climates and also of commercial importance: its crushed leaves are the source of henna. used for dyeing hair the world over.

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HOW MOTHER NATURE HAS THE LAST LAUGH ON CELEBRITIES WHO PLANT TREES

evin Keegan signs foot-balls for charity, Phil Collins signs drumsticks, and royalty plant frees. But why? Well it is an inexpensive piece of PR for all concerned. Twenty pounds for the tree and an hour's effort for a gardener and 20 seconds' effort for the celebrity. Perhaps £80 for the plaque itself. Oh, and a photo-opportunity worth thousands. "Give me just your name, for the next 400 years."

Beside the church at Preen Manor in Shropshire there is an ancient yew tree with a modern plaque which says: "This yew is believed to have been planted in approximately 457 AD, and thought to be the oldest tree in Europe." Maybe it was planted by King Ethelberk the Green, but it is the tree and not his name which has survived. The oral tradition can be endearingly selective. Memorial planting, complete with plaque, only really began in the 19th century under Queen Victoria. Before that there were trees attributed to people's lives — planted during the reign of planted during the tenure of, but not by the fair hands of. Since Victoria, even the spades

used by royalty to plant trees have been given plates saying who did what with them. A well-used ceremonial spade can have more hull of a tea clipper.

ueen Victoria and Prince Albert were avid planters. Memorial planting accorded with the Victorian taste for sentimentality. At her house at Osborne, on the Isle of Wight, she and Prince Albert seem to have had every visiting member of the family or European royalty plant a tree, almost before they had time to unpack for the weekend. Births. wedungs, any excuse was good enough. Did they see it as a form dings, any excuse was of self-immortalisation, as a means of the name outlasting the life? Or was it just the desire to share the making of a very personally inspired garden? Queen Victoria would have dis-agreed with Philip Larkin; what will remain of us is not only love, but wood.

But nature has had the last southern gardens, and look in potting-shed cupboards and in gardeners' yards. See the forlorn heaps of redundant plaques lying out of sight, deprived of their trees and their reason by the great storms of the late 1980s. There is nothing sadder in a graden than these corroding little ossuaries, appof if it were needed that in the proof if it were needed that, in the end. Mother Nature will always get the upper hand. Her Majesty would not have



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Rocky road to artificial gardens t could be said that Regi-nald Farrer's book, The

Rock Garden (1912), was the inspiration for the explosion of natural rock gardens in the 1930s. It might also be said that the book unwittingly initiated the stripping of limestone pavements England. Farrer, who lived at Ingleton. Yorkshire, would be ap-

palled to know that 80 years Plantlife, is launching an appeal to buy land near Farrer's old home, Winskill Stones, to halt the stripping of limestone outcrops. The time has come to stop using this material in gardens. Water-worn limestone pavements are more use to gardeners left where they are - as a lesson in how plants grow better in difficult conditions — than turned into artificial rock gardens.

I was born a few miles the other side of Winskill Stones and took such phenomena for granted. Only in recent years have I realised how fascinating is the plant life of these

Fissures run through the rock in both directions, making a gigantic chequerboard. In places you can drop a line several yards down a fissure before it is obstructed, so the drainage is super-sharp. Yet plants survive in the fissures: The lime-loving harts-tongue fern, Asplenium scolopendrium, takes root in the smallest of dust-filled shady pockets, and survives by keeping its roots cool if not moist. and drawing what moisture it can from the stone. There are rarer ferns, too, seen almost nowhere else and particularly adapted to life in these dry, highly alkaline conditions. The rigid buckler fern is one, Dryopteris submontana, a visually unprepossessing rela-

We can learn from limestone by leaving it just where

it belongs in the wild

tive of the male fern. Conservationists will shout for its protection, and rightly so, but for gardeners the harts-tongues are more elegant. Among the pavements are more colourful plants, too. The

dark-red helleborine, bloody cranesbill and angular Solomon's seal. They survive in shallow fissures where a scraping of soil has accumulated. More fascinating are little holly and ash trees, only a few inches high, which may be as much as 150 years old. Lack of nutrition and water, and nibbling by rabbits, have reduced them to dwarfed trees. Not as eraceful as bonsai, but just as venerable.

nlike the roots of artificial bonsai trees, the pavement trees will have roots yards long, snaking their way down into the fissures in search of moisture. The "bristlecone" pines of the western American desert employ the same technique, sending down roots ten times the height of the tree, and living in the cruellest of conditions for as long as 5,000 years.

See these pavements, and you will not want to spoil them for the sake of a garden imitation. And, being honest, when did you see even the most cleverly constructed rock garden look natural surrounded by house and lawn? There

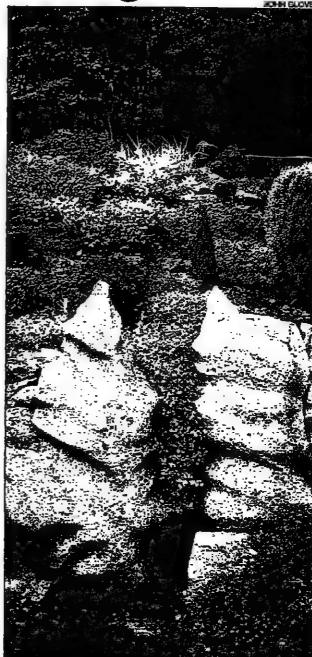
are plenty of alternatives to water-worn limestone, which are just as useful for making alpine plants look happy. If your taste is for great chunks of stone, then artificial sandstone can be bought from the

larger garden centres, and it is remarkably convincing. A scree is often more useful as a growing medium, and it is more easily contrived using gravel or crushed stone waste. Slate scree is veyr attractive and weedproof. Visiting the state quarries at Blaenau Ffestiniog last summer, I was thrilled to see parsley fern, Cryptogramma crispa, growing from slate rubble. Its roots were obviously long, for none of it was remotely extricable. Perhaps someone can make a living selling state rubble to gardeners outside Wales? The advantage of scree is

that it need not be an imitation of nature. It can be as formal as you like. A scree garden also does not present the problem of resetting stones if an infestation of difficult weeds occurs. Talk to anyone who has tried to clean up an old couch-infested rock garden, even with glyphosate, and see how they struggle.

I hope I am persuading you not to buy water-worn limestone for your garden. Remember the gang last year who passed themselves off as council workmen and stole a whole York-stone pavement from a northern town centre? That was nowhere near as exciting as a limestone pavement. The natural ones are irreplaceable.

STEPHEN ANDERTON ● The Winskill Stones Appeal. Plantife, The Natural History Museum. Cromwell Road. London SW7 SBD.



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GARDENING

Piano garden hits right note

Gardens to visit

Blickling Hall, Aylsham, Norfolk (01263 733084)

One and half miles northwest of Aylsham, north of B1354. Open daily except Mon to Nov 3. Ham-5pm. £3.20, children £1.60,

The first view of Blickling, between massive 300-year-old yew hedges to one of England's most delightful gabled Jacobean houses, is one to savour at any time but the garden is particularly worth visiting in late July and August for the four great square beds of the parterre. During the 1930s the planting of these beds was reorganised by the distinguished gardener Norah Lindsay, and the National Trust has remained faithful to her scheme. The colours are carefully planned, with cream and yellow predominating in beds closest to the house and red, blue and pink in the others. Yew topiary, clipped into rail cones and grand pianos, along with urns and a central fountain surrounded by borders of roses. complete the impressive design of this part of the garden. Steps lead from the parterre to the long vista through woodland to a Doric temple. South of the house is Samuel Wyatt's elegant late-18th century conserva-tory where a display of half-hardy plants is a feature.

Arley Hall, nr Great Budworth, Northwich, Cheshire (01565 777353)

Five miles west of Knutsford, off A50, one mile southeast of Warrington off A-19, signed from Mo and M56, Open April to Sept. Tues to Sun and Bank Hol Mons. 12 noon-5pm (last entry 4.30pm). E3.30, children E1.25, under-fives free.

Arley Hall's double herbaceous borders that stretch for nearly 100 yards from wrought-iron gates, are one of the country's most memorable summer garden features. Blocks of herbaceous plants in well-planned associations of flower and foliage are divided by buttresses of clipped yew that extend from the brick wall backing one border and the long yew hedge backing the other. As remarkable as anything, however, is their age: they appear on a garden plan of 1846. Another important and equally old feature is the avenue of holm oaks clipped into tall cylindrical towers. As well as the impeccable maintenance of these long-established high-lights, there has been considerable



The parterre garden at Blickling Hall, Norfolk, was laid out in the 1930s by Norah Lindsay and the National Trust has kept to her theme

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If lawns must be watered, soak them thoroughly.

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development of the gardens in recent decades and a series of small enclosures include a wonderful scented garden and a herb garden. The walled kitchen garden has been simplified and contains a display of cordoned fruit trees, as well as mixed shrub and herbaceous borders. One of the most rewarding areas developed by the present generation is the magnificent woodland garden.

M Sow spring cabbage and winter spinach in

■ Rest Christmas cacti for a month by standing them in a shady place without water, indoors or out.

Any minor shrivelling will disappear when you begin

the ground. Line out young plants of winter

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flowered clematis.

Gardening enthusiasts on holiday in Pembrokeshire should visit Hilton Court, following the winding coast road that has memorable views over St Bride's Bay. The house is 18thcentury, but the garden was created during the past seven years. The most impressive feature is the view across the garden and series of interlinking lakes that have been created from the existing stream, to a

backdrop of woodland. At this time of year the lakes have a spectacular display of aquatic plants, in particular enormous gunnera. Closer to the house large island beds are overflowing with herbaceous plants, many of them unusual such as the callistemon or "bottle-brush", which flourishes on the coast and is in flower during late summer: In the nursery an intriguing speciality are plants resistant to wind and spray, suitable for seaside gardening.

GEORGE PLUMPTRE

Correction: Bosvigo House gardens, Truro, Cornwall (Weekend. July 20) are open llam-6pm, March-Sept, Weds-Sat. The owner, Mrs Perry, specialises in, and sells, hardy GARDEN ANSWERS



STEPHEN AND ERTON replies to readers' letters

The alder trees on the banks of our stream sprout many young shoots from the trunk's base. How can we seal the cut ends after trimming to prevent regrowth? — T. Harman Smith, Isle of Wight.

A No amount of sealing of the cuts will prevent further sprouts from coming from below and beside the previous sprouts. The best answer is to cut late and low. Leave it until budburst and cut as low and tight to the trunk as you can. Tight cutting allows you to rub off the new shoots mid season while they are still soft. On small trees try cauterising the cuts with a hot poker, to see if the dormant buds could be killed and the surrounding cambium persuaded to

Two years ago I transplanted some clumps of butcher's broom, Ruscus aculeatus, from the south of France. It has taken reasonably well, with a moderate amount of new growth, but has not flowered. Now I want to transplant it to another part of the garden, preferably shady. What is the best way of doing this; can I break up the clumps, and when it the best time to do this? - T.L. Conboy, Bath, Avon.

Butcher's broom is an A Butcher's broom is an oddity, a woody evergreen member of the lily family. The 2ft-3ft stems last for about three years and make thickets of spiny foliage. Like most of the lily family it does not like careless disturbance. The best time to divide it is in spring. It will survive in dry rooty shade, but establishing it there is another matter. Decent soil in shade is more rewarding. Once established, it can be left without disturbance, simply cutting out dead stems and feeding every few years to keep it strong.

We planted our "Brown Torkey" fig. as instructed on a shell tered, south-facing wall five years ago. Two years later we started to train it. diagonally. But we would like more growth low down the trunks and not just enormous piles of leaves at the top of the oft wall. How do we encourage it to be bushier? Should we prune it? — Miss J. Brashier, Haslemere, Surrey.

A restricted root run hemmed in by bricks or paving slabs helps to reduce growth and encourage shorter, flowering growth but off is quite low for a fig and you may struggle to keep it down. Figs on walls need regular pruning to keep them in hand and productive pinching tips, tying in and thinning of shoots. Reduce a third of the stems to 2ft-3ft in February for three years, and pinch and tie in the resulting lower shoots.

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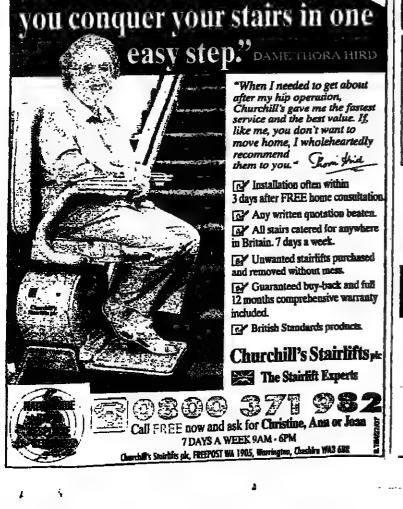






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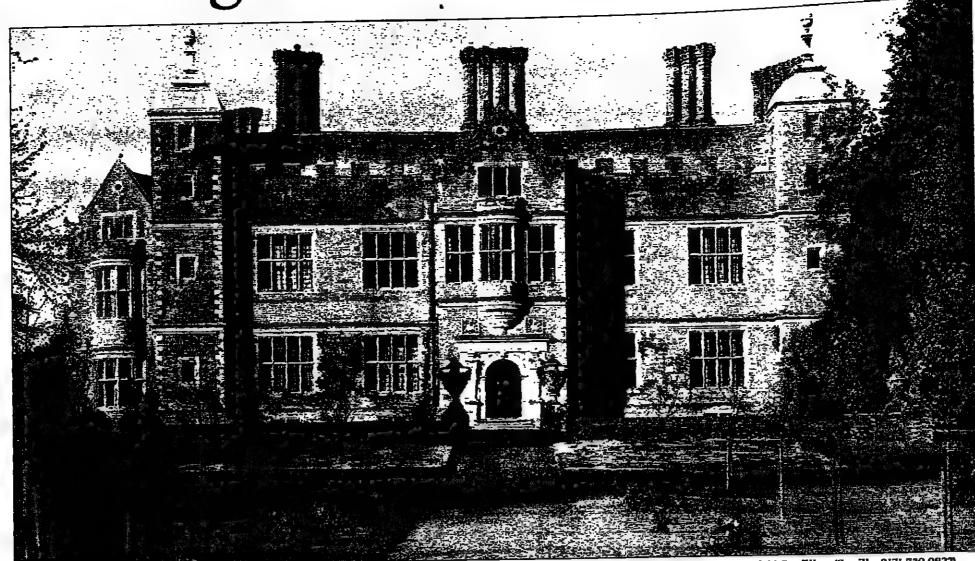
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PROPERTY

Bargain castles for keeps



Chilham Castle, near Canterbury, Kent, which has been reduced by £1 million and now has a guide price of between £2 million and £2.5 million (Savills, 0171-730 0822)

oil up, roll up for the sale of the century. A crop of castles is being offered at bargain basement prices. A million pounds has been slashed off the price of Chilham Castle in Kent, more than £500,000 has been knocked off Appleby Castle, in Cumbria and there are cuts of thousands of pounds on several Scottish

Buyers, it seems, are resisting the lure of rolling acres and ramparts, turrets and towers in the shires against a tiny flat in Fulham. Has the castle market collapsed? Estate agents, ever optimistic,

Cut-price castles are the sale of the century both north and south of the border, says Rachel Kelly

say no. Nick Sweeting, from Savills, says: "It is true that in 1992, at the absolute bottom of the market, this sort of property was virtually unsaleable but since autumn 1994 the market has picked up." There is nothing wrong with the market, he says, it is just that the unsold houses were wrongly

True to his trade, he defends estate agents getting their

prices wrong. "By their very nature, these are difficult properties to price. You are trying to work out who the end-user will be. Will it be an institution? Will the house be split into flats? Some might think these houses were tremendous white elephants, but to someone else they are tremendous opportunities

It is a question of matching unique houses with one-off "Conditions can change. The client can change what they want or a property can suddenly get planning permission. Many of these castles are listed, and that can put developers off," Mr Sweeting says. One likely fate for huge piles

in the South of England is conversion into flats. That proved the solution for both St Michael's School in Petworth. Sussex, which sold in less than a year for £2.5 million through Savills last year, and Pepper Harow, in Surrey, another school which sold for £3.25 million after two years last year. They may not be castles. but they are similar in size and are often viewed as similar white elephants, says Mr Sweeting. "We would put

them in the same category." Other keen castle-buyers — often Middle Easterners — are those looking for a status-symbol. Castle Hill, a huge castellated pile in Surrey sold to a Middle Eastern buyer. Another Middle Eastern po-tentate was close to buying Chilham, the former home of Viscount Massereene and Ferrard, in Chilham village, near Canterbury, which also attracted interest from Mick Jagger. The date of 1616 inscribed above the front door was regarded as a lucky

The Chilham estate, for sale as a whole or in three lots, includes extensive grounds. two lodge cottages, outbuildings and a stable yard with planning permission for 21

Richard Smith of Ches-

Earlshall Castle, near St Andrews in Fife, has been reduced to £575,000, from £640,000. The property is for sale through Savills, 0131-226 6961

HIGH BILLS

Though castles are reasonably cheap to buy per square foot, keep an eye on maintenance costs which are high because the

properties are so large. Ask for the previous year's heating bills. Yearly bills at Earlshall for electricity, heating. housekeepers and ardeners are about £25,000; the figure ignores

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any repairs. Castles with husinesses may help offset costs. Appleby Castle for example. was previously a corporate headquarters and could lend itself to a business u The costs at Earlshall are offset by letting a cottage in the grounds, and income from visitors to the garden. Kames Castle is run in separate units and each building is supplied with amenities only when necessary. It has an annual turnover of £35,000 from five lettings on the estate.

Appleby, says: "It just needs the right buyer to come along." After two years, however, he admits he is concerned. "It is disappointing to go more than a year without a sale, but after two it is slightly worrying," he says. Appleby is partly dogged by the fact that it was converted for use as a company headquarters. It also has a high price tag for the area.

he market for Scottish castles is different. The bulk of castles on the market are north of the border, naturally enough. Domestic unrest had all but died in the south after the civil war, but it continued among the clans further north until the 1745 rebellion, and even then outbursts continued. Thus, while every English village has its manor, every Scottish hamlet has its castle.

Of course "castle" in Scotland covers everything from a small tower defending 1,000 acres to Beaufort, the former home of the Frasers of Lovat in Inverness-shire, which was

the epicentre of a clan area. built to show off to the neighbours," says William Jackson from Knight Frank. Mr Jackson also denies that

the market has collapsed. "We have sold plenty of castles. Last year, we sold Stobs Castles in Peebles-shire, which went on the market in the summer and was sold by December for £300,000. We sold Davidston, near Turriff in Banffshire, for around the same amount. And, of course. we sold Beaufort last year, to Ann Gloag, the Scottish businesswoman and power behind the Stagecoach empire."

But some castles have stuck on the market, Mr Jackson admits. Sometimes it is because the seller refuses to reduce the price and is not desperate to sell. Kames castle, for example, has been stuck at £520,000 for two years. But do agents get the prices wrong? "I think it is more that demand changes and clients change what they want," Mr Jackson

says. The answer may be to

appeal to foreign buyers. Around 40 per cent of Knight Frank's buyers are from overseas. Mr Jackson says. Mohamed Al Fayed, for example, recently bought Bal-

nagowan Castle in Ross-shire. The castle market is seasonal. Mr Jackson says, and the peak selling season of summer has been slow in coming to Scotland, "It has been the coldest spring since 1680, so we are only now launching properties onto the market."

But, as he admits, "there can be customer-resistance to price". Buyers are cautious about buying a castle, never more so than after years of falling house prices and fears

of negative equity.

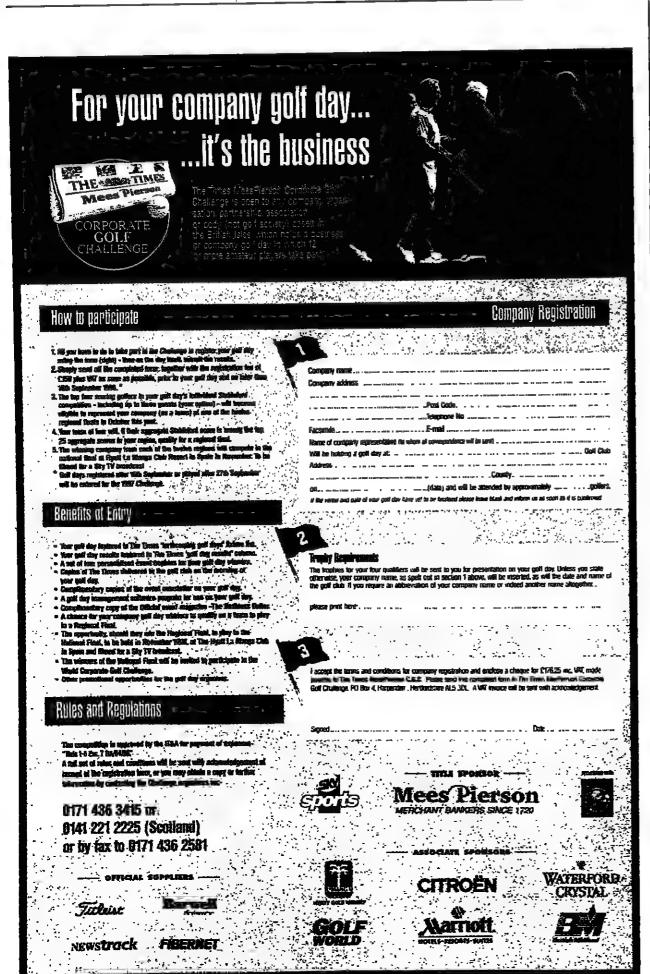
lan Stewart, from Savills. says: "The past few years have not been a stable period for British buyers and buying a castle requires a lot of commit-ment. One could call this a transition period. It is only a matter of time before the expensive properties start to sell again.'

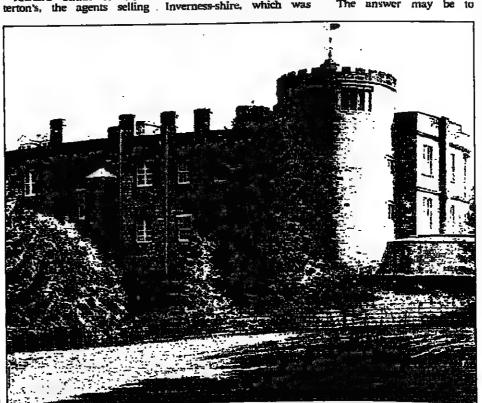
There have been several object lessons. Buyers will recall the case several years ago of Rodborough Castle in Gloucestershire, dubbed "Cas-tle Costly" by the press. The owner of this 14-bedroom pile. Joanne Willies-Williams, had to resort to social security to pay the interest on her £220,000 mortgage.

Ultimately, buyers who do buy tend to do so for sentimental reasons. The current owner of Earlshall Castle, Lady Earlshall, who bought the barony with the estate, says: The Great Hall has a tremendous open fireplace, and we have a 12ft Christmas tree. It makes Christmas special."

For all that agents can go down the relaunch route. remarketing and re-advertising the property, all the marketing in the world will fail to shift something which is too expensive. Even castellated dreams have a price.

Correction: It was Cluttons, the chartered surveyors and property consultants, not Cluttons London Residential. which provided details on property in the London commuter belt (Weekend, June 29).





Appleby Castle in Cumbria, which has been on the market for two years, has been reduced from £1.5 million to £975,000. The property is Norman, with 17th-century additions, and includes several small lodges (Chestertons, Leeds, 0113-242 0044)



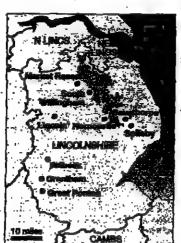
The Jungle, built by an eccentric animal lover near Lincoln, has been described as worthy of Gaudi

Period charm in Tennyson's county

nyone wanting to capture the spirit of rural Ireland in England would do well to consider Lincolnshire. As Bob Baggot of agents Mawer Mason and Bell in Market Rasen says: "Three cars make a traffic jam in Lincolnshire, the sole exception being race day at Market Rasen. I come from the south, but I wouldn't go back down there for all the tea in China. It is so peaceful here, people have time to talk to you."

Not surprisingly, the tranquil pace coupled with the relatively low prices of property make Lincolnshire a big retirement location, says Erica Czajkowski of Bairstow Eves. "About 70 per cent of our buyers are southerners. They like the laid-back pace of life. The relatively unspoilt countryside is also an attraction. Often, our clients are selling a terraced house in the south to buy a larger property in Lincolnshire for less money to release capital." As Tony Barratt, also of Mower Mason Bell, says: "It is the cheapest county in the country. Road travel is simple, there is good shopping and parking is easy."

A good example of what £155,000 can buy in Lincolnshire is Linden House on offer through Bairstow Eves. It is a good sized sizebed-



roomed house, reroofed last year with useful outbuildings, including ample stabling, in the village of Sausthorpe at the foot of the Wolds, four miles from Spalsby and eight miles from Horncastle. Horncastle is an old-fashioned market town where it is still possible to buy local specialities such as "chine", cured ham stuffed with parsley. For E140,000 Mawer Mason and Bell in selling the six-bedroomed Old Vicarage at Sixhilis, a hamlet near Market Rasen, with four acres. Also on its books are several

good-value period houses in Tealby, one of the prettiest villages in the Wolds, The Wolds, birth-place of Alfred, Lord Tennyson, are designated as an area of outstanding natural beauty. Linden House is a four-bedroomed classic Georgian village house for sale at £129.950. Another attractive property is a stone, four-bedroomed cottage within the conservation area of Tealby in Church Lane. Tealby has a good junior school, a thriving village shop, a bowling green and tennis courts. The ending "by" or "thorpe" in village names are a legacy of the Danish invasion and it became part of Danelaw in 886. Tealby is also not far from Hum-berside airport, which has good links to continental Europe. A more unusual home is The Chapel at South Willingham in the Wolds, for sale at £99,000. Surprisingly large for a former chapel, it consists of four bedrooms, a study, a kitchen, a sun lounge and a studio room.
"Lincolnshire is just too far for

"Lincolnshire is just too far for most weekenders, being a 2/2-hour journey from London," Tony Barratt says. This, of course, helps to explain the charm of this largely forgotten corner of England. But even near Grantham, where it is possible to commute to London (trains to Kings Cross take one



Fulbeck House, in the stone village of the same name near Grantham, is a Grade II listed building, which dates from about 1700

hour 13 minutes), the prices are still competitive. "The area around Grantham is also becoming increasingly popular with commuters to Nottingham, which is about an hour's drive," says Kate Murgatroyd, of Humberts. Humberts is selling Fulbeck House in the pretty stone village of Fulbeck, near Grantham. Listed Grade II, the house dates from about 1700 with later additions. "Houses like this near Grantham are few and far between, most are owned by families who have had them for a long time and want to hang on to them."

Charles Welby says.

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£9,000 a year. In addition there is a coach house, which was granted planning permission in 1987 for change of use to a dwelling and the construction of an access road. But permission has since lapsed. Offers in the region of £450,000 are being sought for the whole lot, although it is also being offered in two lots—lot 1 for £375,000 (the main house and 2.3 acres of garden) and lot 2, which is not available until lot I has been sold (the cottage, the stable, walled garden and 0.2 acres).

rick Bridge, is another extremely handsome listin-century house, which is listed Grade II and standing in 5.9 acres. A notable feature is the magnificent garden containing a number of fine specimen trees. It also has a lodge,

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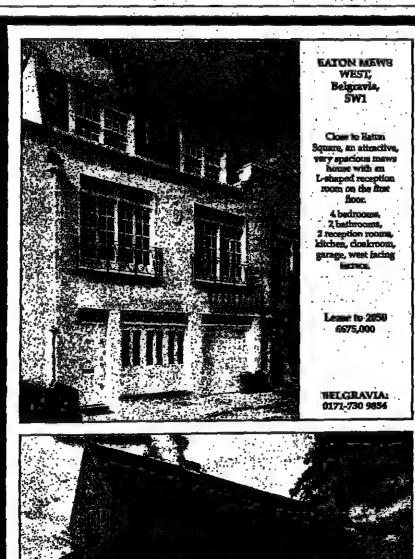
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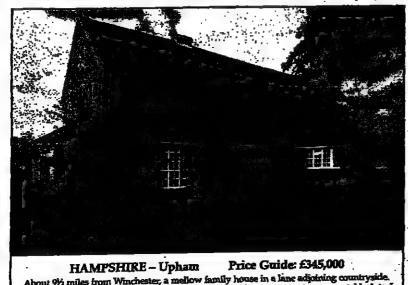
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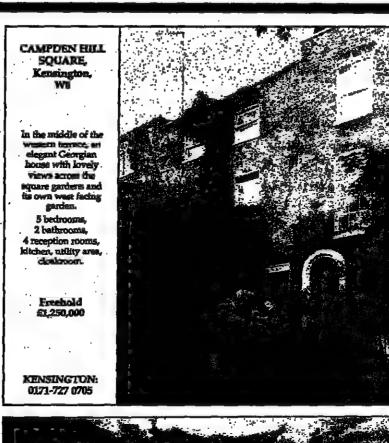


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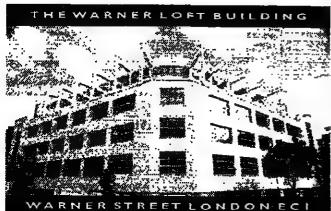
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uidoor dining in Britain has always required the "If wet, in church hall" approach and lightning reactions as summery morsels are whipped off plates by the wind. But we British are a hardy breed, determined to sit and eat outside. even if it means donning wax jacket and balaclava. Optimists should prepare now for outdoor soirees and invest in some of the lighting that can transform Clapham into

Capri. Barnsley into Barbados. Flares and staked candleholders can be moved as the wind changes and make inexpensive garden glamorisers. The Pier's melonshaped "captured glass" - glass "captured" in a metal cage (£12.95) with shepherd's crook metal stake (£3.95) will fit in with any garden style and casts an attractive-

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choose brightly-coloured flares. Heals has excellent full-sized ones (£3.95), or you can get miniature ones in brazen pink, purple, green and orange (85p) from Angelic Al-ternatively, consider durable paraffin-lit bamboo flares (£5-£12.95), excellent value from The General

Trading Company (GTC).
Steely chic can be achieved with galvanised metal lights. Hang the Pier's hexagonal lanterns (£8.95) from (not-too-dry)-trees, or suspend them above your dining table. Use Heals' metal and glass stake storm lantern (£17.95) in beds and urns. Light the table itself with candleholders with glass tubes (£15) to protect the eandles from John Lewis, or the McCord catalogue's simple metal and glass hurricane lamp (£24.95). The last word in metal lanterns is the GTC's Dome Lantern (£90) from Morocco, which will invest the proceedings with a

definite kasbah touch. Speaking of which, midnight at the casis is another fashionable look. Plant Angelic's terracotta pot stake lights with cut-out paim trees (£14.95) in urns and herbaceous borders and use its pyramidshaped night light covers (£8.95) for the centre of your table.



From left: Dome Latern (£90) from The General Trading Company, Angelic ribbed (£9.95) and galvanised metal (£7.95) from The Pier

If your style of choice is Mediterranean glass-and-wrought-iron, the unmissable candleholder is Angelic's sturning 53in votive tree. 199 — an elegantly curvaceous wrought iron tree with seven cleargiass votive candleholders. For your table centre, look at McCord's incuightlight Aureola candleholder (£14.99), or, for a touch of colour. GTC's circular metal six-light holder (£12) with red, green or clear glass candieholders (£4.50 each).

On either side of the centre, put a

pair of the GTC's tall, plain glass.

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Add brightness to a rustic garden with Angelic's roughly painted flowerpot candles in vivid green, blue, yellow, red or orange (from £4.95), and add to the nostalgic look by filling a GTC five-candle basket (£20) with flowers, decorating the candles with apple candle rings (E3.50) and using it as your centreplece with plain glass hurricane lamps as additional lighting.
Have fun with some brashly

hright lights. Brats have an almost-edible range of vegetable flares (£9.95) - sweetcorn and carrot are

hurricane wall sconces — a snip at best. Dangle ribbed-glass lanterns (Angelic, £7.95) in turquoise, green, yellow and iridescent orange from your greenery, put Carpenter's big strawberry candles (£9.99) and scarlet glass night-light holders (Angelic £7.95) on the table and you're all set for a Margaritasodden Tex-Mex cantina buffet.

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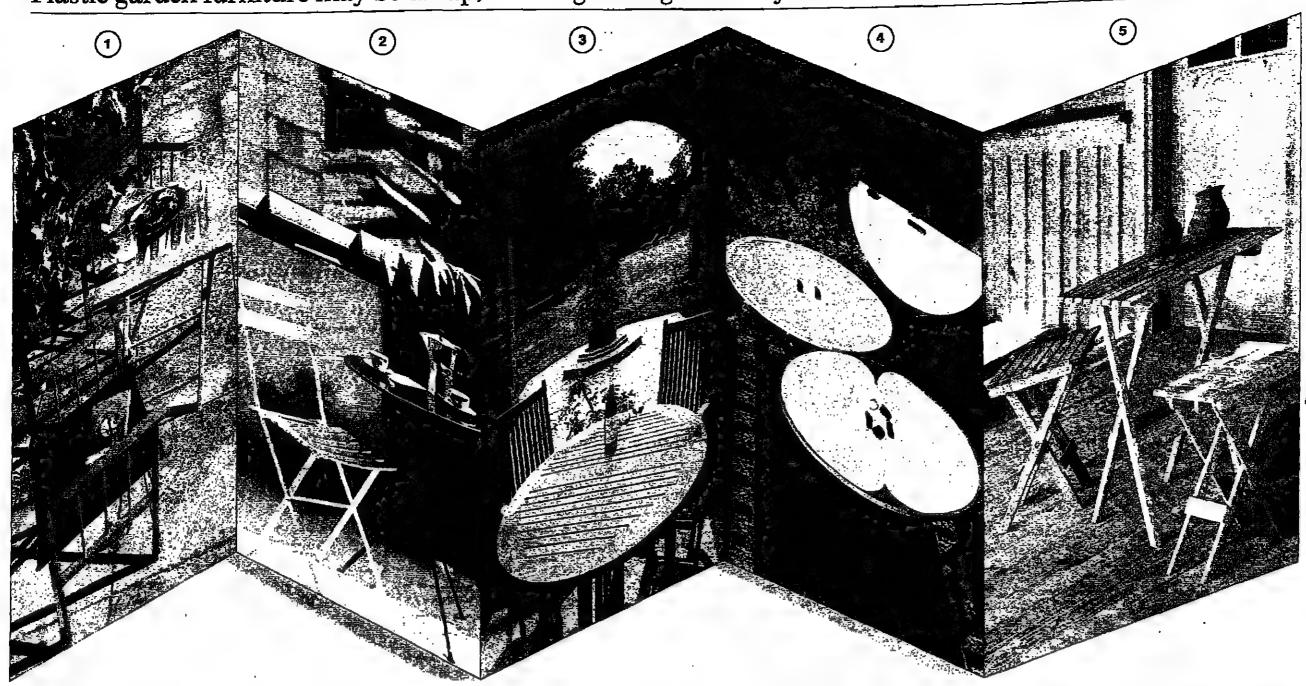
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A Beechwood backgammon table (£175) and folding chairs

Rosso metal table (£29) and Parc folding chair with metal slats (£22). From Habitat

Teak Simpson table (£399) with matching teak Paxton chairs (£225). From Heals

Range of hand-painted fruit and vegetable tables (£99). From Bagendon

Teak Scout table (£29) with matching teak stools (£15 each). From Habitat

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endon has been finished with Sadolin, a Swedish exterior timber preservative. The level of protection depends on the shade of the polish; if it is dark, it offers the best protection. If you use medium colour, the wood will need treating once a year. The Bagendon games tables have been finished with Ronseal Cork and Floor varnish. which doesn't chip; however. you may want to

Before polishing any wood make sure you dean it thoroughly, washing it with a soap solution and scrubbing with a firm brush. If using teak oil, go for a good brand

Danish oil on beech or pine

such as Rustin's (250ml, £1.90) or Liberon (250ml, £3.10). Apply three or four coats sparingly with a dry cloth, leaving three to fours hours between coats. For beechwood or pine use Liberon finishing oil (250ml, £3.03); apply in the same way as the teak oil. Alternatively, use Rustin's Danish oil (250ml, £2.30); it dries in four to six hours, and does not pick up dust and dirt as other

For many people, however, the easiest thing to do is nothing. The teak will turn a gentle silver-grey colour, and will last just

Well oiled: use Rustin's

as long as its polished cousins. Rustin's, for nearest stockist 0181-450 4666; Liberon, for nearest stockist 01797 367555; Ronseal, available at all good DIY stores.

Into the woods for summer can double up as part of your household furniture with matching folding chairs (£89). If you are looking for somes the lazy month of used indoors and out. And the that fold away. You can rest foldaways are handy for big lunches or dinners where your easy and soak up the sun in its canvas deck chair (£19.99) or August approaches.

most of the British summertime. As Jane Austen said: "To sit in the shade on a fine day and look upon verdure is the most perfect refreshment." And she would no doubt have been sitting on an oak bench, amid rolling acres in Hampshire. For those of us who have to manage with small gardens and smaller budgets, foldaway garden furniture is a good bet. Don't be duped into buying

plastic, however tempting the chairs and tables look on the forecourt of your local garage: you can get decent wooden furniture for a reasonable price. Even if it can't be left outside all year, what we've chosen here can be stowed away easily . . . although some of it is attractive enough to be

regular dining furniture won't seat the numbers.

When buying wooden garden furniture it is important to know where the wood has come from. All of the teak included here is from sustainable forests. From an ethical viewpoint, as Rupert Oliver from Forests Forever, part of the Timber Trade Federation. says: "Most teak comes from well-managed forests in Indonesia and Burma. In fact, there is no problem with supply because it is a species that can be grown easily."

The beauty of teak from a customer's point of view is that it can be left outside throughout the year, and if polished with teak oil it will stay golden brown. Spoils Kitchen Reject shops stock four garden chairs

tennis chair (£)8.99) with an adjustable back. It also stocks a director's chair (£12.99) and a pine foldaway chair in olive reen or natural (£/.99).

The Bagendon Furniture Company has a wide range of made-to-order folding tables. It specialises in beechwood table tops which double up as games' tables, including backgammon £175, snakes and ladders £235, and chess boards £125. They also have a large range of truit designs on 60cm wide round tables. You can order hand-painted tables of any fruit or vegetable for

Habitat's range of foldaway furniture is more traditional. Throughout the year it sells a round teak folding table (£199), a metre wide, which thing less expensive, Habitat's 46 x 50cm Scout table (£29) and folding stools (£15) are ai value. Ii also stocks a children's chair with matching table, both £19.

f your patio might better be described as a window box, go for the small Ponn folding metal and wood console 42 x 100cm (£79). According to Angela Gordon. who is in charge of furniture merchandise at Habitat, the best type of outdoor foldaways "are the ones you can leave outside all year round". There is a rosso, 55cm diameter round metal table in white, blue or silver at £29, with matching chairs at £22. If you need something bigger, go for

table 130cm wide (£85) with matching chairs for £22. Harrods also offers a range

of foldaways which will be in stock at sale prices until August 10. It stocks chico chairs in teak which are strot simple and designed by Sante Martinuzzi (£179). It suggests the chairs should be twinned with the Café Royal table designed by Aren Vodder (£479), which seats four people. Harrods also stocks a green and white canvas and metal-framed King Eastern stool, which at El8.71 is perfect

for any picnic. Heals stocks a range of foldaway garden furniture, which includes the Simpson table (£399) and the Paxton chair (£225), both of which are teak. These are expensive but, says Jane Taylor, publicity manager of Heals: They are

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means they should last for more than 70 years."

armchair, with an aluminium-

coloured frame and beech-

wood slats (E52) and a

If you are still tempted by

plastic, bear in mind the

words of Alan Sadler from the

Leisure and Outdoor Furni-

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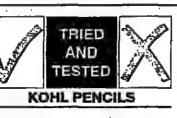
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Modern technology means softer formulas that draw a line along the base of the lower lashes without dragging the delicate skin around the eye. I tested a range of pencils on the market, ranging in price from 48p to an unbelievable £67.50 per gram.

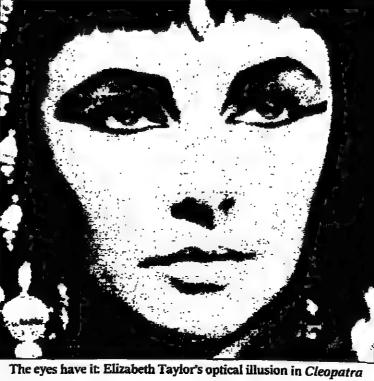
Marks & Spencer Classics Soft Powder Eyeliner 4g/E4 (price per g: El) From branches of Marks & Spencer nationwide. Colours: plum, cocoa, ink, grey.

Price includes pencil sharpener and sponge smudger. The new powderformula pencil was very soft on the skin around my eye and drew a smooth line without dragging the skin at all. The line had a soft edge which was more subtle than traditional pencils and the smudger enabled me to create a well-blended "end" to the line. I wouldn't recommend that this be used on the inner rim of the eye because of the powdery formula. The make-up looked fresh all day. Excellent product at a very good price.

Clinique Eye Shading Pencil 1.9g/ £7.50 (price per g: £3.95) Available from leading department stores nationwide. Colours: almost black, charcoal brown, charcoal blue, pewter, sapphire light and sea light (aqua green).

Very soft kohl that can be used on the

Score: 10/10.



day. Easy to use and excellent value. Score: 10/10.

■ Bobbi Brown Essentials Eye

0.15g/£9.50 (price per g: £63.33) Available from Dickins & Jones, Regent Street, W1: Harrods, Knightsbridge, SW3, or by mail order (0171-730 1234 ext 2777). Colours: taupe (grey-brown). black, brown, navy, moss (green). heather, charcoal.

A very soft traditional kohl pencil that gives a smooth, even line without dragging the skin. Once applied, the kohl can be softened slightly with a cotton bud to give a more subtle finish. Lasted well throughout the day. Can be used easily on the inner rim of the eye. Far too expensive, but an impressive performance. Score: 9/10.

■ Origins Kohl Mine Ig/ E5.50 (price per g: £5.50) base of the lashes or on the inner rim of the eyes with ease and precision. No colour "bleeding" throughout the Available from Harrods.

Knightsbridge, SW3. Colours: Terrakohl, Plumkohl, Brownkohl, Olivekohl, Charkohl and

A lipstick-style push-up, with a solid stick of kohl that can be applied with precision. Lasted well all day. Score: 9/10.

Clarins Eyeliner Pencil 1.4g/£9/50 (price per £6.79) From good department stores, independent pharmacies. Colours: black, grey, brown, green or indigo.

A very soft kohl that draws a smooth line along the base of the lashes and can also be used comfortably on the inner rim of the eyes. Score: 8/10.

Prescriptives Eyecolouring 1.3g/ E9 (price per g: £6.92) Available from 30 stockists

nationwide, including Selfridges.

Oxford Street, WI and other leading department stores. Colours: bronze, charcoal, dove, graphite, sage, ebony, sable,

Slightly scratchy on the skin, dragging it when applied at the base of the lower lashes, causing my eyes to smart a little when used on the inner rim, and the colour "bled" towards the end of the day. Score: 5/10,

■ MAC (Make Up Art Cosmetics) by Frank Toscan Eye Pencil (Kohl) 1.45g/£7.50 (price per g: £5.17). Available from MAC, 109 Kings Road, London SW3 4PA; MAC, 28 Fouberts Place, WIV IHG: MAC at Harvey Nichols, 67 Brompton Road, SW3 IEF. Mail order: 0171-349 0601. Colours: taupe, ebony (black).

slate (grey), coffee (dark brown), indigo (dark blue), teal (light aqua blue), forest green. Medium-soft pencil that scratched a

little on first application, although it seemed to soften after a couple of uses. Used both at base of lashes and on inner rim, although it was a bit hard on the latter. Lasted well but a little overpriced for the performance. Score: 5/10.

Le Teint Ricci by Nina Ricci Eyeliner Pencil with Refill 2x0.15g/E30.25 (price per g:

From leading department stores nationwide. For your nearest

stockist, ring 0171-493 8232. Colours: black, brown or blue. This attractive-looking pencil is gold

and coral with a lid at one end that covers a sponge smudger. It's an automatic pencil with a twist-up mechanism to save using a sharpener. However, I think this adds unnecessary expense. The pencil was scratchy, so was not suitable for use on the inner rim of the eye and it drugged my skin. The resulting fine line was neat and had an even colour but I wouldn't recommend it - even at a lower price. Score: 3/10.

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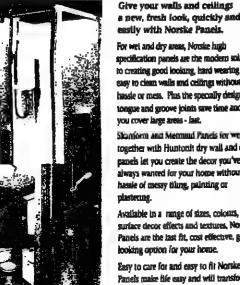
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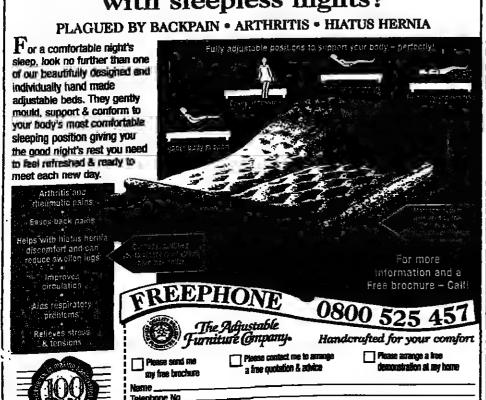
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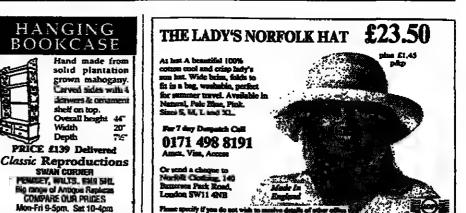


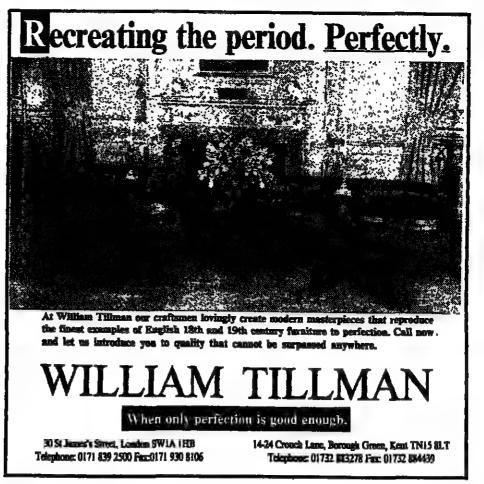
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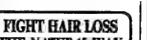
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CLAUDE CHEEVER, Californian through and through, is so named because his mother has a thing about France. She has given all her children French names: Claude, Mari and Philippe. Claude, however, is known as Cheevy, the one family member to take its surname and make it his own, and this is no coincidence, for it is Cheevey who is the bedrock of the family.

It is Cheevey to whom they all turn for support: it is Cheevey through whom they communicate with one another. Cheevey copes --just - until he finds himself the bearer of bad tidings between

Innocence and experience

family members, caught in a whirlpool of events beyond his control, a survivor among the drowning, but thrashing around

Gerald DiPego's Cheevey is the story of a dysfunctional family and 20-year-old boy's attempts to stop the rot before it destroys them all. Cheevey's father runs a television store; his mother lies in the dark during the day, complaining of By Gerald DiPego Sceptre, £5.99 ISBN 0 340 666 32 3

illness and longing for France; his brother, Phil, drinks and is violent; and his sister. Mari, is a depressive. Cheevey dotes on Mari's son; he is nice to his parents; he sup-ports the alcoholic Phil while falling in love with Phil's former girlfriend, trying to precipitate what he has longed for all his life — a reaction, of almost any kind. His attempts are comic, moving, impulsive, endearing, sweetly pathetic.

but ultimately in vain. This novel is so good it is almost perfect. The writing has all the innocence, the fresh-puppy dog straightforwardness of a good man on the threshold of adult life, longing to embrace it wholeheartedly, but learning, in the most painful ways possible, that other people may prevent you from doing so. DiPego's writing is as clear as a bell and its themes ring true across the text, embodied by plausible characters and a sound plot. DiPego is an accomplished screenwriter, so it is no accident that his ear for dialogue is so good. Yet his ability to do much more, most of all to convey not love which is missing

but love which cannot be identified, is flawless. I was moved to tears and laughter, over and over again. I have read some cracking novels

this year but the three best (this one. Audrey Hepburn's Neck and The Wrecked. Blessed Body Of Shelton LaFleur) are all published by Sceptre. Good for Sceptre. There are 86.573 titles published every year in Britain (a figure topped only by China and nearly twice that of America), and scores of them are complete drivel. Yet if most new novels published were even half as good as any of the above, we would all be the richer for it.

The evil that men do

Helen Stevenson is transported to

Mississippi in the 1920s, a world

of superstition and oppression

THE place is Mississippi, in 1926. Mattie, a 16-year-old girl from a large family in which the men are men and the unmarried daughters are frightened, has been sold into marriage with Elikah, a barber in a town she has never visited. Though Elikah beats. torments and exploits his wife. Carolyn Haines allows him some depth of character, which explains why, despite her hatred of him, Mattie continues for a long time to collude in her enslavement.



Haines: difficult balance

There is something of the psychological structure and tension of Jamaica Inn to Touched as well as a similar sense of place, a quality which, almost more than any other,

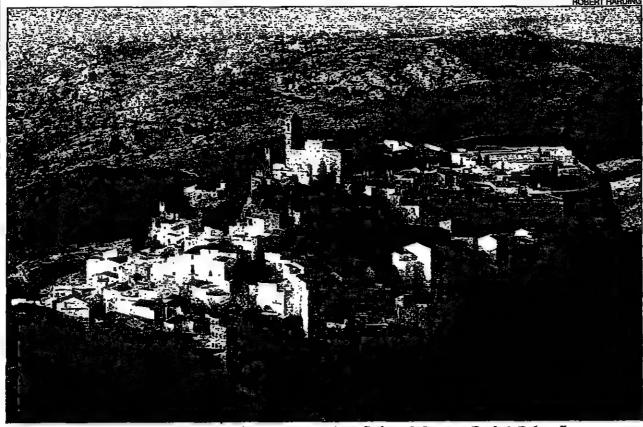
brings magic to a novel. Two elements for change animate this fetid, gossip-ridden, superstitious community and create a drama which will eventually liberate Mattie, at least mentally, from her torpor of submission. The first is the Pascagoula river, By Carolyn Haines Headline Review, £6.99. ISBN 0747213917

which can destroy lives with the savage nonchalance of a drunken husband in a rage. The morning after, a man will ask for his eggs with the yolk runny and the white set. In the same way, the river will subside and even help to wash up the bodies that it has

The second force for change s a woman, JoAnna McVay. JoAnna has intelligence, lovers and, scandalously at 48, a nine-year-old child, Duncan, who dances at other children's parties, despite the general belief that music and dancing are sinful. When Duncan is struck down by lightning, he recovers but displays an ability to prophesy calamitous events in other people's lives. The townsfolk turn him into an object of hysterical superstition. Mattie, drawn by JoAnna's love of life and ability to assert her own path. becomes involved in a struggle to protect Duncan from hurricane, floods and the fear of the

Touched is an exciting, moving story, with powerful characters who serve a purpose and leave a mark. A drunken husband half-shuffling, halfstumbling to bed sounds "as if he were being blown into the room". In such moments Haines's use of language is both perfectly apt and strik-ingly original. It is a difficult balance to achieve and the sign of an excellent writer.

Edward Marriott on two travel accounts that pay homage to Andalusia



Cultural cradie: an Andalusian mountain village — but you will not find Hugh Seymour-Davies's Dalmacija on any map

Spain - the Moor, the Maria

AL-ANDALUS was the name given by the Moor invaders to the whole of Spain. Today Andalusia is only its southernmost province, where the north African influence is still felt most strongly. Yet, perhaps the designation should have remained for most of Spain's history, the Moors have been the only enemy.

Now, with Moroccan immigration continuing where their warrior ancestors left off, their influence - in food, architecture, the proud, dark features of its people - still pervades southern Spain: Andalusia remains a heady mix of Europe and Africa. It is these contradic-tions that have attracted English writers throughout the century - from Gerald Brenan and Rose Macaulay to, more recently. Simon Courtauld and Hugh

Sevmour-Davies. Courtauld, an experienced journalist, begins his journey in the south but broadens it to encompass the whole of the country, Spanish Hours is the best mix: a combination of history and memoir that reads as if it has been composted from years of travelling and as many notebooks. It is rich in anecdote and, more impressive still, clear-eyed, free from the warp of nostalgia. With deft

THE classic thriller has a set series

of ingredients: a multilayered plot,

depth of character, pace and a veneer of technology. Stephen Hunter's lat-

est book has all of them. Only steamy

sex is missing. That said, a sex crime

- the rape and murder of a 15-year-

old black schoolgirl - is the worm at

the heart of the generation-spanning intrigue that holds Black Light

together.

Bob Les Swagger, sniper and recluse once accused of murder, is a

flawed hero from the Vietnam war,

trying to patch together a new life in

Arizona. That is until he is sought out

SPANISH HOURS By Simon Courtauld Libra Mundi, £16.95 ISBN 1872037 038

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concision, he sweeps from the Civil War, th sexual politics, to builfighting and the struggle of the modern woman

for her independence. While his thorough journalistic approach often hampers a more free-flowing, descriptive style, it also means that Spanish Hours will stand as a valuable companion, a balanced introduction to a complex, highly romantic culture, where matadors are bigger stars than rock musicians and much of the

village work is still done by mules. Which is what attracted Seymour-Davies and his wife Georgina, anxious to make a home in the unspoilt Andalusian wilderness, the Victorian traveller Charles Doughty's "glorious province of Islam". The Bottlebrush Tree, although only just published in paperback, had its first hardback run in 1988, a year earlier

than A Year in Provence. Why the latter succeeded so formidably, and Seymour-Davies's book should have had to languish so long before its paperback appearance, is baffling.

The two books have much in common Englishman realises fantasy of buying

house in rural idyll; struggles with recalcitrant builders; comes in the end to love the community in which he has Tree is by far the better book.

It is, in essence, a domestic tale, but

Seymour-Davies possesses a depth of understanding about his surroundings and neighbours wholly absent in Peter Mayle. When he describes the festivals of the year - Easter, San Anton, Candelaria - he does so not only with affection, but also with an educated, historically aware, eye. Better still - and this shows a respect for his new friends - he has disguised the village. Its "predominant colours" may be "black for the women, white for the walls and scarlet for the geraniums", but the reader, he writes, will not find the name Dalmacija on any map of Andalusia". There is no risk of a tourist invasion; each reader will have to make his or her own journey.

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ic Ouasimodo and his devotion to La Esmeralda, the flamboyant gypsy dancer-Nigel Davenport reads with suitable gravitas. Adults can only wonder why it is not for

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Welsh: rich, original voice

contain wall-to-wall expletives. However, the listener who survives these obstacles which reminds me of Last Exit to Brooklyn but with much more humour. A layabout, recently fired, meets God in a café and upsets him. He is promptly turned into a bluebottle and witnesses his girlfriend being unfaithful, puts rat poison on his former boss's sandwiches before being swatted by his mother when she breaks off from an unnatural sexual practice with his father. Other stories are equally bizarre. Best listened to alone on a long journey as an antidote

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for once, is not in search of Swagger's own story but that of his father For part of his tragedy is that his father too was an all-American war hero - of the 1941-45 Pacific carripaign - who became a hick-town lawman gunned down by an orphaned boy he had sworn to look after. Swagger Jnr reluctantly sets out with the naive aspiring writer on an obsessive investigation into events

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40 years earlier, only to find that people today still care enough to try to kill him. In well-established Hunter style, we are soon in the thick of furious firefights in which Swagger picks off the opposition like so many gun-toting fairground ducks.

The plot fairly hurtles along to a set piece of hunter versus hunted in dark woods at night, with the infrared technology of the sniper's rifle as the 'black light" of the title. But it is the post-climactic denouement, in which all the ends are satisfactorily tied

together, that works best. If there is a flaw in this book, it is Swagger's near-invulnerability. You feel he could catch bullets in his teeth. But even that does not prevent him

from being as credible in his own way as the rest of Hunter's cast of finely drawn villains and eccentrics. The feel for place and period - the racially prejudiced backwoods of 1950s Arkansas - are exquisite, even down to the grammatically-challenged local dialect.

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of mind in scary situations. Whether saving children on a sinking cruise ship or a man whose clothes are on fire, these youthful heroes are free of any Famous Five-type recklessness. It seems instead that a surprising number of youngsters are capable of acting with caution and forethought when they get the chance. For ages eight and above.

The National Curriculum insists that children learn to write "appropriately" for dif-

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Man of many metaphors: Michael Ignatieff on the

Man of many metaphors: (viichaet ignatiet) on the collected stories of Vladimir Nabokov; John Grigg on Blighty: British society in the Era of the Great War. plus the letters of Kurt Weill and Lotte Lenya

little soldiers

The young are capable of exemplary courage in a crisis

CHILDREN

ferent audiences, so school libraries should be stocking up with Robert Leeson's clever novel for ten-year-olds and upwards, Red, White And Blue (Collins £4.50, ISBN 0 00 675144 X). Eleven-year-old Gawain writes on white paper for the "official" version of life, "which I have to hand in at school", blue paper for a fantasy story he is writing and red paper for "the real truth" in letters to an imaginary pen friend. Gawain's search for the truth about his father, lost in the Falklands War, is not concluded - but he learns

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New Ferrari: with added F1 drivers

omehow I expected more: Michael Schu-macher is small. Not small in the Ronnie Corbett sense of a squirt, just not what you would expect of a world champion sportsman. Where Linford Christie is all bulging biceps, Formula One drivers come jockey-sized, slim as pencils but surrounded by that same aura of glowing good health that marked out the super-fit Schumacher from the bleary-eyed couch-potato journalists who jostled to get near him, presumably hoping some of the brilliance might .rub off.

In his flame-red Ferrari overalls and luminescent Dekra baseball cap, you felt you could almost warm your hands on the world champion. Yet somehow the proportions were wrong. As he opened the door and climbed into the car, he looked more like a fourthformer who was wriggling into his dad's favourite armchair; everything around him looked too big.

But then it was big: Ferrari's new car is for grown-ups. The 550 Maranello destroys all the Ferrari conventions that seemed once to determine that familiar image of a droopsnout nose and high, sharp rear. Ferraris are supposed to be low, small and fast, the Nike-shod Linfords of motoring that tear up the track with a scream; instead, the 550 is cultured; more a favourite uncle in Hush Puppies.

That does not mean that the 550 is not fast because it is, seriously so - 0 to 60mph in 4.3 seconds and 199mph flat Gout. It was Schumacher's job to prove the point at Germany's Nurburgring track Ferrari lined up a team of Formula One drivers — including Minardi's racer Giancarlo Fisichella and exworld champion Nicky Lauda taking the car to limits it could never reach on the road.

Eddie Irvine, Schumacher's FI team-mate, was supposed

It's far bigger, more powerful.

and so much faster, reports

Kevin Eason

at the race track

to be there, but the Irishman showed as much success in getting to his destination off the track as he has on it recently. His plane was de-layed and he failed to show up. Lauda came clad in jeans. tweed jacket and the customary baseball cap which helps hide the appailing burns he suffered 20 years ago in a crash that prompted the clo-

sure of the legendary old 14-

mile Nurburgring circuit.

he tight, new circuit is a cakewalk for a man of his experience and. if Schumacher was on duty in full Ferrari uniform. Lauda was relaxed, laid-back even. The ex-champ is Ferrari's Fl guru and has been there and done that, so the 550 is very much his kind of car: smooth, well-mannered, fast but controlled. Lauda played a big part in developing the new car, which probably explains the character of the 550. It seems all adult, a sensible

ing Nineties - precisely what Luca di Montezomolo, the young Ferrari boss, wanted.
"We have asked customers what they want to drive in the next century," he says. So they get a car which, outside, is pretty hefty - only about eight inches shorter than a Jaguar XIS but seven inches wider and more Euro-styled than Ferraris before, the deep gash of the air intake in the bonnet and the hot-air vents slashed into the flanks the most distinctive features. Inside, traditionally cramped Ferrari

supercar for the caring, shar-

cabins have given way to comfort—lots of room, leather everywhere and air-conditioning - the one Ferrari signature that customary metalgated gearbox, this time for a six speed transmission.

The 550 Maranello - the number from its 5.5-litre VI2, the name badge from Ferrari's famous factory — replaces the Montezomolo was moved to game now, even though the 550 is significantly quicker than the 512, 3.2 seconds faster around Ferrari's Florano test

track, in fact. Montezomolo adds: "Costomers want performance but they want to use their cars much more than in the past. They want a chic, powerful car, a 12-cylinder car that they can enjoy driving, that is not too difficult to use, that they could drive every day to the office or with their wife or

child next to them." There were no children available at the Nurburgring to test the boss's vision, but I was the next nearest object. and was offered a first spin on the circuit. It was like being in the enclosure at Ascot, me standing ready to make my choice, the runners lined up in the pit lane before the jockeys arrived.

I climbed in beside Fisichella, one of the young faces to watch in Formula One. It was like being taken out by my son; he was so freshfaced and tiny, I wanted to plump up his cushion so he could reach the pedals.

He grinned because he knew what was to come over the near 2.8 miles of the circuit: he knew that the traction control system designed to keep the car straight and sure was very definitely switched off ... so Fisichella was ready to have fun. The throttle went to the floor, shifting the 550's huge bulk at alarming speed



"In his flame-red Ferrari overalls you could warm your hands on the world champion"





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A302 Westminster Bridge closed from 9pm Friday to 5am Monday for reconstruction work, use Lambeth as an

A100 City; Byward Street down to a single lane east-bound for reconstruction work at the Great Tower Street junction. Expect long delays. A30 Ashford; improvement work on London Road at the junction with Stanwell Road and Town Lane with off-peak lane closures.

A202 Camberwell New Road has one lane closed northbound between Flodden Road and Lothian Road.

A408 Shepherds Bush; road-works on Askew Road with temporary lights.

South East B3022 Winkfield; roadworks heading towards Bracknell, past the A330 junction at

M4 junctions 12-14; overnight lane closures from 10pm until A404 Amersham; resurfacing from Bell Lane to Cokes Lane during the day.

A417 Rowstock; lane closures with temporary lights.
M20 junction 8; roadworks on A20 roundabout above the motorway, with one lane

closed. A259 Folkes A239 Folkestone; with restrictions on Canterbury Road.
M25 junctions 6-10; major widening work between the Godstone and Reigate junctions, with various restrictions along the 19-mile stretch.

 South West M5 junctions 17-20; lane restrictions both ways between Bristol West and Clevedon, especially over the Avonmouth Bridge, with a 50mph speed

A37 south of Yeovil; temporary lights at major works, with a 20mph speed restriction. A38 Gioucester, major road-works at Cole Avenue roundabout, Long delays. A3027 Taunton; temporary lights on North Street, Major

ays in town centre. A3102 Swindon; major road-works at the Mannington roundabout with traffic down to a single lane. Long delays. Midlends and Feet Anglia

M11 junctions 12-14; resurfacing with a contraflow in operation. Northbound entry slip from the A603 at junction 12 closed. Major congestion. A632 Near Chesterfield; roadworks on Langith Road at Bolsover Lane with diversions.

A442 Hampton Lovett; tem-porary lights with a 10mph speed limit. A6 Lockington; contraflow with a single lane in both directions. M180 lunctions 5-4: contraflow one eastbound.

A500 Stoke on Trent; roadworks on The Queensway with one lane open in both direc-

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A4123 Dudley, northbound carriageway reduced to a single lane. Expect delays. North

A167M Newcastle; Central motorway down to a single ne in both directions M6 junctions 20-21A; work between the Lymm and Croft junctions with three narrow es in both directions. M6 junctions 30-32; lane clo-sures in both directions (Monday-Friday) between Blacow

and Broughton. M1 junction 47; major road-works with lane closures and 30mph speed limit. M62 junction 28; lane restrictions and 30mph speed limit at the roundabout junction of the 350 and A653

M18 junctions 1-M1; contraflow Thurcroft. Long peak-time

A470 Llyswen; temporary lights at Llangoed Hall. A547 Llandudno; temporary

Little Mill; lane closures and contraflows. Delays at peak periods. A48 and A4067 Morriston; major work at the Wychtree roundabout. Delays at peak

periods. M4 junctions 34-35; major roadworks with contrallow and 50mph speed limit. Expect delays at peak periods. A482 Aberaeron Upper Bridge closed with diversion via the

A487. Lengthy delays.

 Scotland M8 junction 15, Glasgow; westbound traffic restricted to three narrow lanes at the Townhead Junction. Stirling Road westbound on-ramp is closed, along with the Castle Street eastbound off-ramp. A1 Between Bankton and Macmerry; restrictions with lane closures at Haddington junction, the BB6471 and

A90 Longforgan; lane closures in both directions for road-works with speed restrictions. A725 East Kilbride Express-way; westbound off-ramp to with diversion via slip-road to A872 Stirling; temporary lights controlling traffic on Gla

 Northern Ireland A3 Portedown; restrictions on the Northway at Mill Avenue

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A21 Comber, restrictions on Hillsborough Road. A5 Militown; lane closures on Strabane Road with temporary

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Why should tractor-driving agriculturalists get blamed for blocking our roads? They run the country after all

Mad tow disease hits farmer Giles

have a problem when anything to do with farmers comes into the news. On the one hand, attacking farmers in print is a surefire hit because readers easily identify with images of vast subsi-dies and mad cows. On the other hand, I do not especially want my

house attacked by a muck-spreader. The lanes around my home are heavily populated at this time of the year with tractors, combine harvesters and other agriculturural behe-moths. According to a new report, the drivers of these vehicles are uncaring louts who delay traffic and cause accidents.

Devon and Cornwall Police have warned tractor drivers that, following a rise in complaints, they will be prosecuted if they ignore three consecutive opportunites to pull over and let traffic pass.

So you see my problem: popularity versus the muck-spreader. Although I admit that the prospect of painting my house for the second time in a year is not attractive, I can honestly say that attacking farmers for taking over the roads is a load of manure. It

DRIVEN TO DISTRACTION



Peter Barnard

represents a classically urban view of what the countryside is all about. Contrary to this romantic view, the rural landscape was not created for birdwatchers, hikers, mountain bikers and caravanners. Fields of wheat swaying in the evening sunshine may be photogenic, but they are not actually planted in order to service competitions in Amateur Photographer.

Lambs are gambolling a few fields from where I sit, but they were not

actually put there to entertain bored children in the backs of cars. The brutal truth is that a lamb is not actually a lamb, it is a collection of chops temporarily housed on four legs. The collective noun for these animals ought to be rack, not flock:

"Oh look, children, a rack of lamb." The countryside is as much a part of our industrial landscape as any factory. Few people complain about giant transporters holding them up on the roads near Rover Cars, yet for some reason as tractor towing a ton

of hay is seen as an intrusion. According to the aforementioned report, farmers ought to be more considerate of other traffic. As soon as a queue of cars builds up behind them, they must pull over and let it pass. Some farmers do that, some of the time, but why on earth should we expect all of them to do it all of the

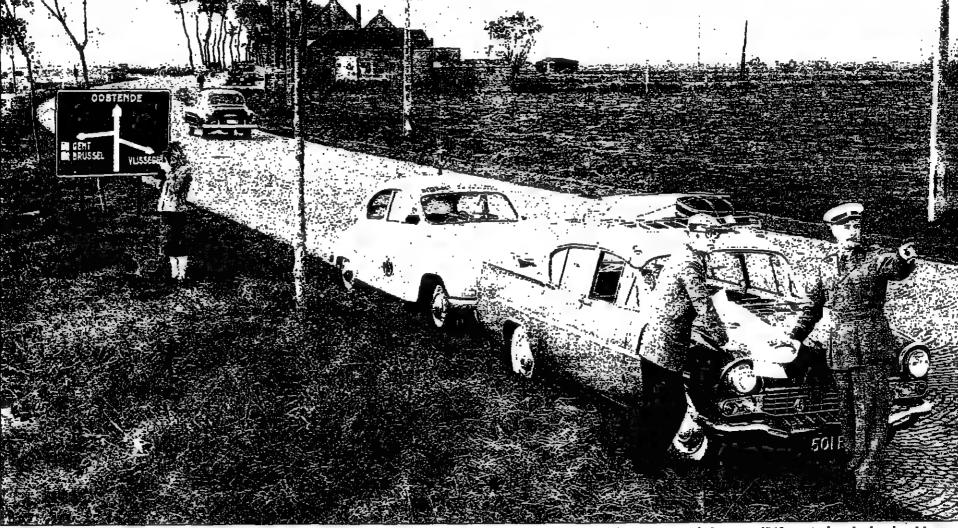
For one thing, a tractor driver pulling a mountain of manure on a trailer is quite oblivious to what is going on behind him. Farmers are only aware of engine noise, which is sufficient to drown out a sonic boom. Hooting at them is futile.

As to vision: what vision? A rearview mirror on a tractor is about as useful as a chocolate kettle. And given the volume of traffic on our roads, farmers towing wheat would be stopping so much there would be a bread shortage by the time they got the harvest home.

Devon and Cornwall Police are quite entitled to point out their powers under existing law. And they are right to say that frustrated drivers tend to make dangerous overtaking moves, thus leading to accidents. Nor am I immune to furning at tractor drivers.

But I am also prone to fuming at little old ladies moothing along at 27 mph on a main road. Cyclists, with their infuriating habit of riding two abreast, have been known to render me incandescent. And as for people towing caravans . . . please, don't get me going on that again.

Little old ladies, evelists and caravanners are of course immune from attack. They break no law. I am no great fan of farming as an industry, given its lethal dependence on chemicals, but to put the onus for bad overtaking on the farmers who are being overtaken offers a get-out for motorists which we do not



Excuse me, can you tell me the way to Skegness? Oh for the days of cobbled roads and personal service? A Belgian "AA man" helps out a 1960s motorist who has lost his way

t started with a 20-mile tailback ... and will end with dozens of miserable motorists whose holidays have ended in disaster and even death.

Britain is now officially on holiday and millions are taking to the roads to get to beaches in this country and abroad ready to endure the most stressful hours of their motoring lives in cars packed to the roof.

The scene was set last Saturday when jams on the M5 extended nearly 20 miles at one point as holidaymakers were forced to wait through miles of roadworks. Today, the jams are likely to be even longer as the last of the

Summer jam ahead

nation's schools give up their children for the start of the

summer holidays. For those travelling across Britain, the holiday will start miserably with 20 key hotspots for jams identified by the AA, which predicts this will be the worst summer vet

for travelling by car. The Highways Agency is help clear roadworks ahead of the holiday season, according to Peter Nutt, the agency's This year looks set to be the worst holiday driving season for traffic

congestion yet, says Kevin Eason

the summer in tourist areas but sometimes it isn't possible to do this and delays do

But jams could the be least of the worries for many driv- mally do in three months.

more than two hours at a stretch without a rest, particularly when the weather is hot and temperatures are rising inside the car as the family

operations director. He says: ers who will be involved in "We lift a lot of roadworks for accidents caused by inexperience, tiredness and frustration. There will be more people

than usual on the roads, many

of them driving as far in a

formight as they would norwith unfamiliar road signs. different driving styles and

In an accident, report to the police, produce

your insurance documents and inform your insurer. Don't sign anything without taking legal advice beforehand and take photographs of the scene of the incident. Get full details of the other party.

Stick to the local laws, and be on your best

behaviour: don't drink and drive; don't speed (there are on-the-spot fines) and do wear seat-

● Don't overload the car with luggage; ensure

you know who has the right of way in each

country, use dipped headlights in poor

Check for the correct fuel; unleaded petrol

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plomo (Portuguese/Spanish), senza piombo

(Italian), loodvrije (Dutch). Diesel is diesel (Denmark, Netherlands, Germany), gazoit (France) gasolio. (Italy), gasoleo (Portugal)

pandemonium for those naive enough to set off without preparation.

Police warn not to drive for

For motorists travelling

abroad, the hazards are even

greater: Britain has one of the lowest accident rates in the

world but unsuspecting Brit-

ish drivers will have to cope

becomes fractious.

Southern European countries have much more hazardous roads than Britain. While the rate for road deaths is 6.8 per 100,000 in the UK, it is 12.6 in Italy, It.3 in Spain, 20.3 in Greece and 32.9 in Portugal, which is Europe's most dangerous country for motorists.

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riving on the right — the "wrong" side of the road for Brits is just one hazard, but they must also cope with the sort of driving from motorists in some countries which is not quite as logical and ordered us it is at home. The RAC also warms that motorists might not be so alert because they are in holiday mood, charting to the children or fiddling with the radio when they should be studying

the road ahead. That is also when they could fall foul of foreign laws. Some of the more bizarre local regulations need swotting up on, such as the requirement in Spain for drivers who wear glasses to carry a spare set in the car: in France, speed limits are lower when it is raining. while in Germany, motorists can be fined for swearing or

making rude gestures. Halfords, the accessories company. warns: "Knowing local laws can be a lifesaver. Motorists will discover that they are paying on-the-spot fines or getting into trouble because they do not understand what they are doing."

DANGER - CHILD PASSENGERS

int imperials do not yet appear on the list of hazardous substances that could endanger drivers. But four-year-old Antonia almost caused a crash when her parents discovered she had missed her mouth with her sweet and stuck it up

Parents will this weekend be loading up the family hatch-back with all that "essential equipment" which includes buggies, buckets and spades, beach balls and toys. They will have the car serviced, check the baby seats are secure and refill the first-aid box for an accident-free holiday.

Unfortunately, the biggest hazard on their journey is probably sitting in the back seats, a seemingly innocent bundle who can transform an ordinary journey into a nerveshredding experience.

Seven per cent of parents surveyed by the RAC say they have been involved in an accident because they were distracted by their children. Eleven per cent narrowly missed crashing into the car ahead while nearly a quarter reported they missed turnings and got lost because of the

racket from the back seat. No wonder, according to the RAC's dossier of incidents drawn up after talking to 450 parents at the start of a campaign to promote safer

holiday driving. Apart from Antonia's misguided mint imperial, parents told of threevear-old Rebecca who threw her toy under the brake pedal of the car and iammed it. Sam. aged two, opened the car door while it was moving at 40mph and was only saved from a terrifying fall by his five-year-

Clearly Sam should have been strapped in, but parents know that even baby seats cannot keep the determined down. Jake, aged five, undid his belt and jumped into the front passenger seat to change gear - the sort of distraction that can at worst lead to disaster but at the least distracts parents from what is happening on the road.

ne woman drove past a police patrol at 95mph on the motorway while trying to referee a fight between her children in the back. A father in a BMW took a sharp corner with one hand on the steering wheel. the other hand bottle-feeding his baby strapped into a babycarrier in the front seat.

Stirling Moss, Britain's most famous racing driver, who tackled some of the toughest circuits in the world. says: "I thought Formula One racing was a challenge until I came across car journeys with

TEN HOLIDAY DRIVING TIPS ments, travellers' cheques and credit cards in the car. There are thieves abroad too.

belts, front and rear.

 Make sure you have documents: passports (British visitors' passports are no longer valid), driving licence (with international permit for Spain), vehicle registration document, hire-car forms, green card and insurance note. An E111 Certificate of Entitlement covers you for medical emergencies.

 Get yourself insurance cover covering breakdowns across Europe, repatriation and medical problems. Service the car a couple of weeks before the

holidays so problems can reveal themselves. Check the fan belt, tyres, water and oil levels. Get a GB sticker, but don't take a can of petrol on to a ferry.

Get spares: fan belt, bulb kit, fuse kit, battery jump-leads, tyre pump, some tools and a first-aid kit. ● Halfords' booklet, Driving into Europe,

recommends noting key towns and cities and turnings on the way.

Don't leave valuables — passports, docu-

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All the best elements of a British summer: 6.7 litres of purring Rolls-Royce Silver Spirit, some of the best-kept bespoke picnic ware from the golden era of prewar motoring, some fine companionship — and a blustery, cloudy afternoon

Hampered with luxury

t was the perfect day for an English picnic clouds hung overhead, the sun fitfully peeped through and a blustery wind tangled hair, swirted skirts and scattered leaves across the rugs. But this was no ordinary picnic. The guests had been waited to the

park in a Rolls-Royce Silver Spirit, all 6.7 litres purring caimly along the outside lane of the M4 past the frantic airport-bound traffic to an appointment at windsor. There were no Royal guests, but the waiting feast would be fit for a Queen and served in appropriate style.

For in the boot of the Rolls-Royce nestled three magnificent picnic hampers, one of them alone probably worth more than the car itself. The accoutrements of motoring in style are now as sought after as the vehicles themselves, especially if they date from the golden age between the wars when motoring was still largely a preserve of the rich and its accessories were often executed with the same lavish attention to detail as a work of art.

Along with a brace of amazing Mercedes, an imposing Packard, a sensational Stutz, a line-up of Lancias, an array of Aston Martins, a battery of Bentleys and a whole range of Rolls-Royces these hampers will be among the star lots at Brooks sale at Ascot Racecourse next Friday.

The principal transport for our outing represented a man's indulgence from the proceeds of decades humourously chronicling the ups and downs of married life. The Silver Spirit, with its oyster paintwork and dark leather interior, was bought new in 1983 by Barry Appleby, the

the track in a sports car. Apart from the occasional wiggle of

the tail signalled by tyre squeal fhere was almost no sensation of noise; no Ferrari

engine growl snarling from

behind the head as usual, just

seamless, near silent progress

from corner to corner, each

and we agreed a run to the

Cote d'Azur would be the 550's

strength, miles of tarmac pass-

ing by at speed, the car barely

working for its keep, the driver

and passenger relaxed, com-

the 550 will be his next

company car.

Michael Schumacher likes

fortable and safe.

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Fisichella liked the car a lot

cartoonist, renowned for his strip the Gambols in which poor George is always addressed as "dear" before the nagging starts. It has never had another owner and after 72,685 miles as carefully recorded as any of the Gambols' domestic scenes, it is

estimated to fetch £15,000 - £20,000. But however grand and distin-guished the Rolls-Royce it is not unique. The contents of its boot are: Our main picnic hamper was com missioned from Asbrev of Bond Street by Viscount Ridley in the 1920s, its fine leather case is lined with pigskin and polished wood and contains just about everything six people would need for a picnic on racecourse, park or grouse moor. It has a solid nickel kettle on a freswork stand, twin wicker-covered drinks bottles, an array of wicker-covered containers for condiments, giltrimmed recrangular enamel plates and a full set of Asprey cutlery. Just in case the British climate should live up to its reputation it is also equipped with a foul-weather carryas case.

As Brooks's catalogue says, the only thing it lacks is a very strong chauffeur or butler to carry this imposing and superb picnic set". Whoever thinks of paying an estimated £18,000 - £22,000 for this exquisite and intricately fitted hamper would do well to heed those words. Heaving all that nickel and silver out of the Rolls-Royce's boot was effort enough

to work up a good thirst.

The extraordinary thing about these hampers is not just the quality of the silver, glass, pewter, enamel and china that make up the cutlery and crockery but the ingenuity that went into designing a container in



which all the delicate bits would be held firmly in place. Those of us more used to carrying picnics in an over-stuffed cool box and a couple of bursting carrier bags can only mar-

the glasses in the Asprey hamper stack neatly and are protected by their wicker covering while the ceramic sandwich box and twin food boxes slot neatly into pigskin-lined niches. The invitation to this splendid picnic happily coincided with a visit to London by Several family friends some of whom we had not seen for many years. So Ingeborg, Margrete and Rigmor from Norway and Birgit and Gudrun from Germany found

siz stacking dasses in wicker covers six fine white china cups and sauomy and six · enamel plates, together with supriwich and

themselves treated to a rather unusual view of British life, and Malcolm Burber, Brooks's managing director, found himself having to bring along more of his prize lots.

The second hamper in the boot of the Rolls-Royce was French, a beautiful honey-leather case with suede lining made by Christofle, again by special commission and sufficient for six people, containing unusually a lift-out central portion in which nestle two cut-glass and silver-mounted beer steins and a hidden lower section with a burner and saucepan. It is estimated at £14.500 - £17.500.

The third hamper was also a special commission made by Edwards and Sons of Regent Street, London in about 1908 for Mrs Street. It's an example of the kind of hamper designed to fit on the running board of an Edwardian car and has a striking red leather lining and a very unusual twin kettle burner. It is estimated at £3,000 -£4,000. According to Barber these three items are part of the best selection of hampers, vanity cases and luggage Brooks have offered.

ith all this admirable detail it would be easy to neglect the food, but fortunately Brooks had thought of everything. Yes, there was a whole posched salmon and some champagne and just a taste of caviar. It was a good picnic but there are some pretty good cars in the sale next Friday as well, further evidence that the market for really good classics is beginning to recover from the long recession. Top prices of about £150,00 are likely to be fetched by two Mercedes, a 1937 540K supercharged cabriolet once owned by the Rockefeller family and a stunning red example of the famous Gullwing

300SL coupé dating from 1955. Other lots range from a 1965 Fiat 500, estimated at 6400 - 6800 to one of the most desirable postwar Bentleys made, a 1954 R-Type Continental Fastback saloon. It has most elegant coachwork, and in its day, according to one reviewer, would have justified the claim of being the world's fastest production car.

Brooks's sale at Ascot Racecourse, Berkshire on August 2 starts at 10am (collectables), 3pm (cars). Details 0171-228 8000.

BUILD YOUR OWN VINTAGE ROLLS

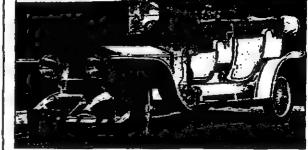
f you want a unique Rolls-Royce dating from the first quarter of this century, Brooks's sale at Ascot includes enough parts to build your own. Lots 684 to 691 consist of: a 1910 Silver Ghost chassis with front axic only, a 40/5000 engine, four artillery wheels, a Silver Ghost gearbox, a 1924 Silver Ghost running chassis, a 1912 Roi-de-Belges body and two rear-aide assemblies with various other bits.

This collection of major components has been gathered from several different sources and some of the lots would cost a buyer rather more than some of the complete cars on offer. The first chassis was found in Kent being used as a flatbed trailer. It looks simply like two steel members with a single side, but by dating various components it has been established as a rare lightweight ladder chassis for the earliest versions of the classic Rolls-Royce. The engine was found and fully restored in Denmark many years ago and could fetch £20,000 - £30,000, an estimate similar to that for

the running chassis, which has also been restored.

Few designs could match the extravagance of the Roi-de-Belges body which was made by Wilkinson's of Derby for a 1912 40/50hp Silver Ghost. Just the car for Mr Toad.





The 1910 Silver Ghost Chassis (top) was being used as a trailer. The Roi-de-Belges body (below) was built in Derby

HOW FAST AND HOW NEW - THE FERRARI 550

Putting Continued from page I "Fantastic," he murmured as we hit the grandstand straight, "200kph in a mopower right to ment." Yes, thank you son ... er, sorry. Mr Fisichella, I murmured in return. The 550 was clearly covering the ground at amazing speed, yet each bend seemed remarkably relaxed, more like the fore sitting in a low-flying living room than charging around

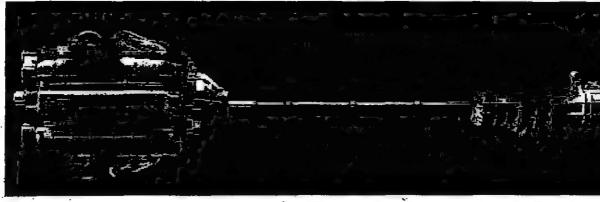
Kevin Eason

on the all-new Ferrari format

the front in its new supercar. After years when mid-engined models eemed to define the strengths of the supercar, the engine is now back in its traditional position under the bonnet. It was Sergio Pininfarina who originally urged Enzo Ferrari to move from a frontengined layout to the middle of the car

"But that layout gives more

the 550 Maranello too, but then he is one of the few people who can afford to spend £145,000 on his daily runabout Pininfarina has had the job of turning back the clock to days reminiscent of the old 1968 thanks to the \$26 million wage racket he gets from Ferrari. Not that he will have to worry Daytona model, the last of the great front-engined supercars. about getting his name down "Mr Ferrari did not want to with his local Ferrari dealer go to a mid-engine design because he feared the cars before they are all sold out: apparently, Schumie already would be too fast for the has one on order - because road," explains Pininfarina.



Front-engine layout gives more passenger room though, something that Luca di Montezomolo was firm about. The doors are wide, making

entry to the car easier while

Price: £145,000 expected

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speed 199mph

On sale: next year but 120 already ordered.

Probably no more than 80 or 90 cars available in

the UK in a full year Engine and attivetrain: 5.5-litre, 48-valve V12,

generating 485 brake horse power through a six-speed manual gearbox driving the reer wheels.

Anti-tock brakes, traction control and electroni-

cally-controlled active suspension are all stan-

Performance: 0 - 60moh in 4.3 seconds, top

the cabin is lighter and rear and that is the way Ferraris visibility better than in the 512 or Testarossa.

Even a few years ago, the trick of putting 485 brake horse power onto the tarmac reliably would been impossible in a front engined car. The weight up front combi

FERRARI 550 MARANELLO

Stopping time: Brembo brakes - car stops available as an optional extra.

with the 550's performance would have created an encontrollable beast. But modern traction control to prevent wheelspin, anti-lock brakes and active suspension have transformed the concept, al-

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rion measures acceleration at each corner, stiffening when it needs to, while the front wheel track is wider than the rear to lowing Perrari to make a car which outperforms all of its allow accurate turning. There is an anti-dive system to prevent the car pitching for-ward under braking. Pininfarina says: The tech-

nology is just so advanced now that we can choose what we want the car to be without the fear of deciding where to

other road-based models yet

offers near-saloon-car com-

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put the engine." The bodywork is made from aluminium for lightness, although the 550 Maranello still weighs 84 kilos more than the 512 model it replaces. In spite of its size though, the 550 is remarkably agile and offers a stable and firm ride — and you can hear the compact disc player at speed, something the

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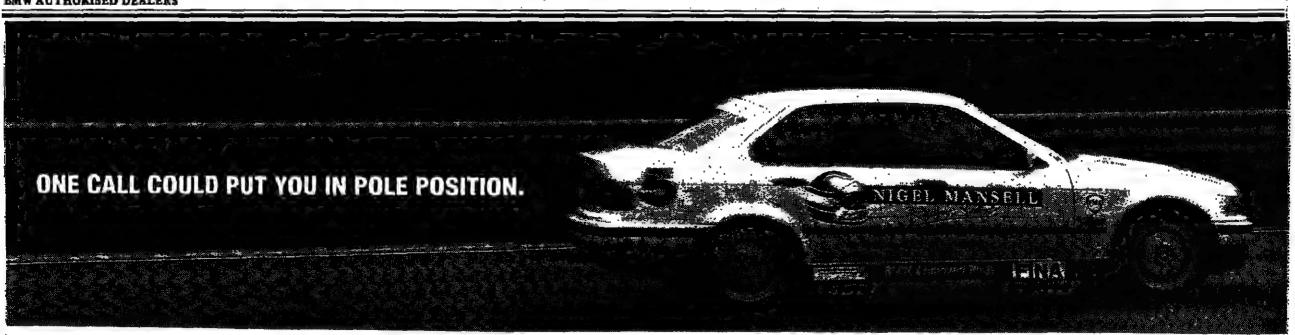
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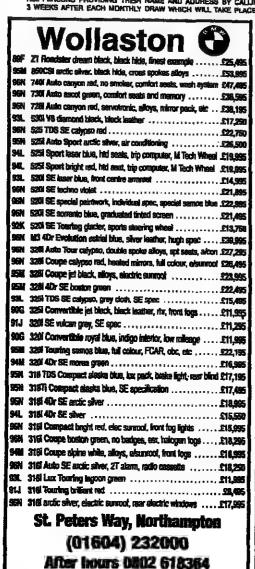
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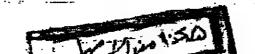
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Half the new-plate car deals will involve finance schemes. Rupert Saunders examines the small print

ike it or loathe it, the fact is that almost a quarter of the new cars bought this year will be sold in the four weeks of August. But that's not the only thing that makes August a special month for the

Although for most of the year the UK's new-car market is dominated by the company car buyer, in August it is the private motorist who is king - about 65 per cent of all August new-car sales go to private motorists.

With sales expected to top 475,000 next month, that means ordinary Mr and Mrs Motorists turning up in droves on dealers' doorsteps clutching the cheque they can exchange for their new Pplated car. That seems to mean that the financial constraints that have prevented new car sales from taking off recently are now finally removed, with more ordinary buyers returning to the marketplace.
Few though will be raiding their

building society accounts to pay for their new wheels. According to the Finance & Leasing Association, around half the 287,000 or so cars bought privately this August will be on finance schemes.

The importance of money-lending to the motor industry cannot be overestimated. Last year, the major manufacturers spent more

August bonanza for loan arrangers finance schemes than they did the cars themselves. This year, if the advertisements are to be believed.

cars are being cut in half and

placed in art galleries or driven down flights of steps. Yet the latest research by What Car? magazine shows that most people will spend several months deciding which car to buy and then sign up to the first finance scheme offered by the car salesman just to clinch the deal. They will haggle over purchase price, but few will question an interest_rate or a

In fact there are only four basic types of finance package currently available to the private buyer. It is the marketing and the interest rates that sets them apart. One of the most innovative packages is the 50:50-type scheme which was introduced to the market by Vauxinil bari summer

Not surprisingly, it proved immensely popular, with more than 35,000 cars sold this way and several other major manufacturers introducing their own variants Under 50:50, you pay for half of

the car now. Then you pay nothing

only one year), after which time you pay the final 50 per cent and the car is yours. The advantages are obvious. You are only putting in half the full cost of the car at the outset

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either to save up for the final payment or keep your remaining money in the bank earning interest. But there are disadvantages too. You have to be reasonably wealthy, or have a reasonable car to part exchange, to put up the 50 per cent in the first place.

Look out also for the fact that 50:50 schemes are usually only available on a limited range of cars. For instance, Ford's much advertised Half & Half only applies to certain Escort models, while Vauxhall's 50:50 is restricted to Astra, Calibra and selected

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good finance deal. These sorts of packages are a

variation on a low-rate hire purchase and an alternative is to look for cars which are offered with "0%" finance. This usually means putting down a 50 per cent deposit and then paying off the outstanding balance on a monthly basis over one or two years, but without any interest charges being added. Peugeot, Chroen and Fiat are always strong in this field.

or buyers with less cash available to put down as a deposit, there are either personal loans, traditional hire purchase or the more recent Personal Contract Purchase (PCP) schemes to consider. All can be applied to both new and used-car buying, though you may find some

when they launched Options in 1992 and it is still the best-known scheme but almost every manufacturer and

car dealer can now

offer you something similar. A PCP works by making an assumption about the value of your car after two or three years and then deferring the payment of that value until the end of the two or three-year finance period. This final payment is often called the "Guaranteed Final Value".

In the meantime, you pay a sum each month to cover the difference between the cash price and the deferred value, plus an interest charge. The effective result is a flexible deposit amount and much lower monthly payments than you would face under traditional hire

This is the benefit which most dealers will sell to you. However, it is important to concentrate also on what will happen at the end of the finance? period - because the deferred payment will have to be

made, one way or another. The sales brochures talk about you having three options, including simply handing the car back and

walking away.

But the reality is that you will want to have a car of some sort. So you either have to get a personal loan to pay off the deferred value or trade your car in, hoping that it is worth more than the deferred value and leaving you with a sensible deposit for the next car you buy.

For that reason, it is better at the outset to keep the final payment as low as possible, even if it does mean larger monthly payments. Don't let a dealer convince you that a high "Guaranteed Final Value" is to your advantage, despite the fancy wording. Rover, and Volkswagen, Audi, Seat and Skoda (all VW Finance), dealers are probably the most flexible on this score.

From time to time, all manufac-turers will offer specially promoted PCP packages which include low interest rates, payment holidays and even cash-back schemes based on several months' payments. All these are worth considering if they apply to a car you have already chosen to buy. Intriguingly, Re-nault is the only major car com-pany that does not have a PCP scheme available at the moment yet it has also come up with one of the most attractive and flexible August offers; Freeway.

Ithough no one element of the offer is particularly innovative. Freeway is good because it can be applied to absolutely any new car in the Renault range, leaving you with plenty of choice, and the est rates are very competitive.

Ultimately, of course, you have maximum choice if you arrange your own personal loan before you go anywhere near the dealer in the first place. It's worth bearing in mind that interest rates in the high street are the lowest ever and, for loans over £5,000, you should be able to borrow at around 13 to 13.5 per cent APR.

But it is a myth that you will get a better price from the salesman if you go in as a cash buyer. These days car dealers make more money from arranging finance than they do on selling new cars so don't expect sympathetic

Rupert Saunders edits the Money section of What Car? magazine

Bait to get you on to a plate

Here come the

lures Vaughan Freeman says

Tew cars with old prices, extra equipment at no extra cost and reassuring noises about your new car's second-hand value; all are part of the bait being proffered by carmakers

For all the hype surroundthe carmakers know that while motorists might like a new car next month, they first must be convinced that, worries over mortgages, job sec-urity and school fees aside, they can actually afford one. Which is why Proton is

offering what it calls "time-warp" prices, offering cars at their summer 1991 prices. That means £600 off the Esconsized four-door 1.3-litre Mpi Summer Special, now priced at £6,999, and £650 off the larger Persona 1.5-litre GLSi Special family saloon, priced at £9,999.

Something for nothing is the Seat lure. It has thrown in airconditioning, pollen filter. twin airbags and seven seats as standard on its 2-litre, fivedoor £16,445 Alhambra SE multi-pupose vehicle.

Worries about depreciation have sourred Renault's P-plate initiative: by the end of the first year of ownership a new car will probably be worth barely two-thirds what it cost equivalent to losing around £80-a-week in depreciation.

Renault has dug into the motor-trade's price guides to come up with future used values, known as residuals, on its Laguna and Clio models to soothe depreciation worries.

The French manufacturer calculates that over the course of two years. looking at actual trade-in prices quoted for two-year-old cars, its Laguna RI 2-litre, which in 1994 cost £12,275 new, would now fetch £9,225, a drop of 25 per cent, whereas a 1994 Peugeot 405 1.8 GLX or VW Passat 20 CL, will each have lost 47 per cent of their value, saving the Laguna owner £4,000.

The truth of August, though, is that if you want an absolutely new model, wait until October or later. Most of the models in the showrooms are old stock and new versions don't come along until later in the year. Prime example is Nissan's Primera which is being revamped but will not

be available for a few months.

However, there is some thing new to buy: Mercedes has its new C-class estates available while Nissan has updated its Serena MPV in time for the August rush. Renault has its exciting new Megane 16v coupe while Skoda, one of the fastest-growing

manufacturers around at the moment, has a new range of 1.6-litre multi-valve engine in its Felicia range. August is so important month that Mitsubishi is launching its Carisma saloon. ahead of the car's official unveiling at the Paris Motor

Show in October

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THE VAUXHALL VECTRA SRI VE

hen the Vauxhall Vectra was launched at the end of last year, it had a lot to live up to, writes Helen Mound. It replaced Vauxhall's biggest-selling car ever, the Cavalier. But it quickly became clear that the range lacked sparkle; it was missing a true sporting derivative.

That's why the Sri V6 joins the range.

According to Stuart Harris, the Vectra's marketing
manager: "The Vectra range satisfies about 90 per cent of our target buyers, but the SRi V6 is in direct response to the 10

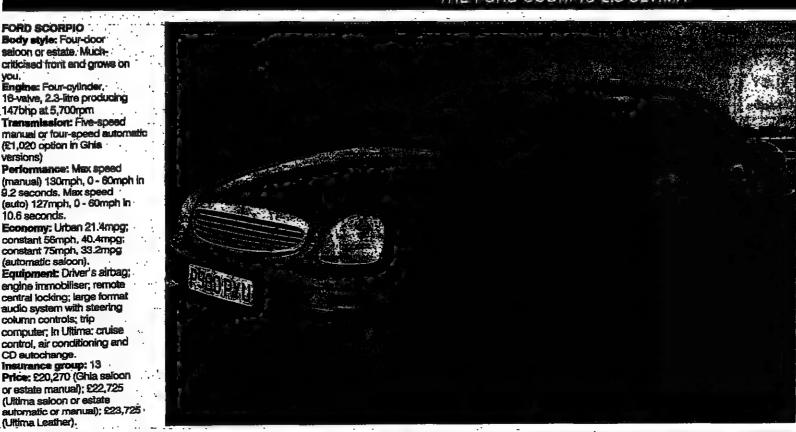
per cent who demand a truly engaging driver's car."

There's already an SRi with a four-cylinder, 2-litre engine, but it's been universally criticised for feeble performance, soft suspension, and a lack of the handling prowess which marks out a geouinely sporty car. The adoption of the 2.5-litre 24-valve V6 engine which powers luxury Vectras (as well as the larger Omega, and the Saab 900) was an obvious step towards rectifying part of the problem.

But the big news is that the suspension has been stiffened by 25 per cent, the steering is sharper and more precise, and the tyres are now ultra-low profile, low rolling-resistance.

These changes don't sound like much on paper, but they're surprisingly effective on the road. Plunge into a bend at speed in any other V6 Vectra and its soft suspension makes it wallow and heave. The SRI is tauter, its body staying much latter through the corner. This means the ride quality is harder than other models, but it remains sufficiently The Vectra SRi V6 goes on sale on August 20, when it will be available as a four-door saloon, five-door hatchback, and later an estate. You'll need sharp eyes to spot one because the external differences over lesser models don't amount to much more than twin tail-pipes, and a boot spoiler fitted with the 1997 regulation high-mounted brake light.

THE FORD SCORPIO 2.3 ULTIMA



ith its mournful frog headlamps, the Scorpio which superseded the Granada two years ago has failed to match the sector-dominating performance of other Fords, writes Ian Morton.

Sales in Britain last year totalled 10,761 but lagged behind the Mercedes C-Class and E-Class, Vaunhall Omega and BMW 5-Series. So Ford is aiming to jolt P-registration sales with a revised model line-up, a specification boost, some judicious

revised model me-up, a specimental boost, some junicious repricing, and an impressive new 23-litre engine.

From next week the Ghia becomes the basic model, to be joined by a Ghia X, the Ultima is improved and an Ultima leather version is the peak of the range. The new 23-litre 16-valve engine which replaces the 2-litre is claimed with some justification to be the quietest of its type. Ford expects it to account for as much as 80 per cent of UK sales.

The quietness comes from twin balancer shafts, which de

parallel with the crankshaft and spin at twice its speed and in the opposite direction. Their effect is to counter noise and vibration. They have been successfully employed in recent times by Lancia, Mitsubishi and Porsche.

The dynamic effect is remarkable. While the engine produces an exuberant shout under hard acceleration, it lapses into near-silence while cruising. At the legal motorway limit the only sounds are the riff of the tyres and a faint flutter around the door mirrors. No four-cylinder Ford has ever been more discreet.

There are other benefits too. While this is no huge performer in executive car terms its maximum power is delivered at lower revs, allowing greater flexibility, safer overtaking and a 10 per cent cut in fuel consumption. The automatic, with French-built transmission is expected to be the most popular model, since the manual box supplied by Halewood is slow and weighty to handle and does not match the satin nature of the 2.3 engine.

THE AUDI AS 4.2 QUATRO



hink of an executive limousine and you usually have to think of a chauffeur, too. Most really large cars that will double as a mobile drawing room or office are intimidating to drive in traffic, unwieldy to park and impractical in town unless you can afford to employ someone to sit in the driver's seat full-time, writes Alan Copps.

That's what makes the Audi A8 exceptional: its agility belies

its size. It may have the virtues of an autobahn cruiser but it will also round the tight corners of a multi-storey car park with as much ease as many a smaller machine. Admittedly, once you find the parking space you have to remember that this car is rather bigger than the average saloon. It has one of the most effective air-conditioning systems I've encountered, adjusting the airflow not just according to the exterior temperature but to the direction and intensity of the sun.

When the A8 was launched two years ago it was mainly noted for its extensive use of aluminium, which reduced weight dramatically in a part of the car market where electronic sophistication is taken for granted and where demands for stringent safety measures and higher equipment levels have increased the weight of almost all its rivals.

The weight saving contributes to its agility, but its other great asset is the tiptronic gearbox that comes as standard. This gives the driver the chance to override the automatic using a simple clutchless sequential change forward for up, backwards for down. You wouldn't want to use it on a motorway or in town because the auto's there to do the work. My one major criticism would be that the change is much too clunky at traffic crawling speed for a car of this quality.

But on a country lane tiptronic comes into its own. The virtues of four-wheel-drive cornering and the zippy performance can be used to the full with a certainty and precision not normally associated with automatic transmission. It's rare to find an executive imousine which is such fun to drive.

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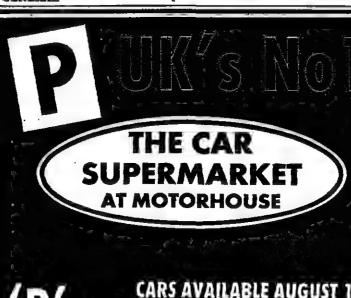
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New-registration second-hand cars will this week offer big savings, writes Vaughan Freeman

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The first second-hand P-registered cars will go on sale this week within hours of the very first brand new "Ps" hitting the road.

In a marketing ruse that infuriates official dealers. quick-witted retailers will be putting their first used cars with P prefix plates on the forecourt priced at anything up to £2,000 less than the same car would cost new. The cars are second-hand

only in the loosest sense, and will have covered only a handful of miles. Many will have only delivery mileage on the clock, and will be identical in every respect to their "new" cousins, Indeed calling them second-hand, or nearly new, verges on a misnomer since these cars are at most a few weeks old.

Having driven the gleaming P-reg car home, it would take a super-diligent neighbour to work out whether the new arrival was indeed new or nearly-used. Only close scrutiny of the vehicle's registration documents would reveal the truth.

The Motor House car supermarket at Cannock, in Staffordshire, is one of the giant retailers that will be selling Preg used cars come Thursday and Friday. To franchised dealers the sale on the day when they are selling the very first brand new P-reg cars is a major irritant: For manufacturers too it is

trustrating, since August is the month-when a quarter of the year's new cars will be sold. Carmakers spend most of the spring building and stocking ready for when the private buyer is happy to spend money in return for that glearning P-plated car.

Motor House marketing manager Nick Dicesare says: *On Thursday we expect to be selling a range of nearly new cars with P-registration number plates, and while our stock is not yet confirmed, we would expect to have something like selection of Ford Escorts and Fierras, Fiat Bravas, as well as the Renault Megane."

Last year Motor House did the same, offering used N-reg cars for sale, and asking visitors to the massive site to spot the difference between a brand new car and their N-reg used vehicles. Says Dicesare: The only difference was that the used cars we were selling on a N were £1,500 to £2,000 cheaper than the brand new cars available from a dealer. Some

of the cars will only have delivery mileage on them, others just a few thousand The reaction is incredible, both from the rest of the trade

and from the customers. Obvi-

ously it is a highly favourable

reaction from the customers, and a bit shock-horror from the dealers, who just sit and wonder how the hell have we got hold of them." So how do outlets like Motor House get hold of such new

cars and manage to be selling them used on a P place so quickly? Dicesare says, "Like any good journalist, I am unable to reveal my sources." The Motor House is part of the retail revolution now roll-

ing across Britain's car sales industry. At any one time there are more than 1,000 one and two-year old M and Nistered cars for sale, and the company estimates it sells

an average 44 cars a day, and more than 16,000 cars a year. The key to the operation, rather than making a lot of money on each individual sale, is to deal in huge volumes so that thin margins on such vast numbers make the whole enterprise profitable. The same thinking applies to the sale of used P-reg cars on August 1; while little money can be made on the individua

are benefits from the publicity that such sales generate. The outler's success might

sale, even a thin margin is worth working for, and there

chantment amongst the car-buying public with the prices being charged by manufacturers for new cars.

Total new car sales rose from 1.9 million in 1994 to 1.95 million in 1995 according to the Society of Motor Manufac-turers and Traders, but sales to private buyers fell from 940,000 (48 per cent) to 913,000 (47 per cent). At the same time, recent Lex report on motoring found new car prices rising faster than inflation, and even company car fleets turning to the provision of second-hand cars Motor House: 01543 506060

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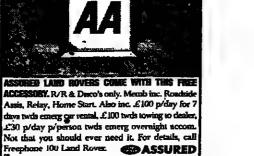
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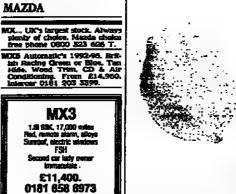
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"Thirsty toy," says Parris, 65, who lives in East Sussex, "four miles to the gallon, but the tank holds 40 gallons." He is a founder member of the Aero Engine Car Club, which has 80 members world-wide. You can gain entry if you have owned an aero-engined car, own one at the moment, or are in the process of building one - and have got an engine to prove it.

Meetings of the Vintage Sports Car Club include races for the aero fanatics at Silverstone and other tracks that can accommodate the cars' power. The club was the idea of Mark Walker and Roger Collings, both vintage enthusiasts who adapted their cars to accommodate an aero engine. "Anyone can build an aero car." says Walker, the club secretary. "You can go to a scrapyard and get an engine out of a modern aircraft. You don't have to have a vintage job."

"It's not an expensive passion, either I bought a First World War Liberty engine for £750. It was one that had been modified in the 1930s and installed in a tank. I found the tank in a scrapyard in Portsmouth five years ago. We cut the top off the

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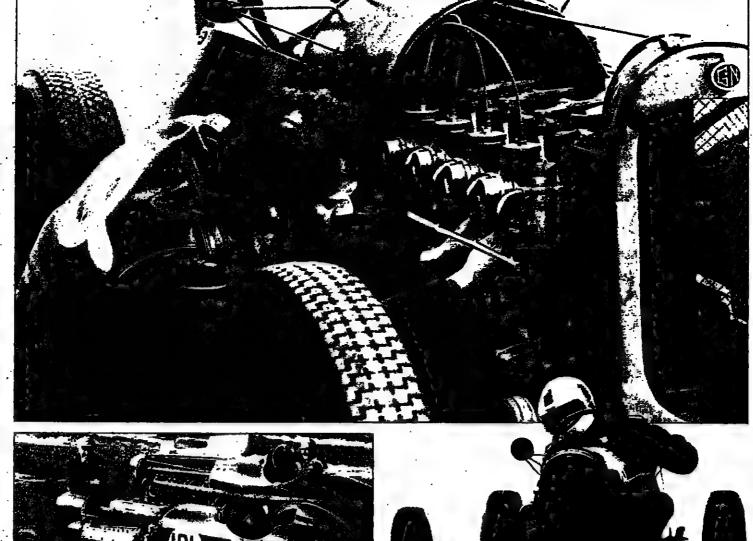
> The great thing about aero engines, says Walker, is that they are superbly built. If you want to get an engine that was as beautiful as an aero engine you'd have to have a grand prix car or something like that. With an aero engine you can get all the engineering of a grand prix racer. Many of them are lying around in scrapyards,"

> \ here weren it too many lying around the British scrapyards though Most members end up buying in America — and the supply there is drying up. Americans tend to use them for high-speed boats, particularly in Florida.

> For Partis, the philosophy is not in owning something different and powerful; he sees it as a natural extension to doing straightforward restorations. "It's a hobby and it's creative because you have to scratch around a bit to find the bits and then decide how you are going to do the task. It's a challenge, nothing more. What I can't find, I make."

> His pristine workshop houses two lathes and a milling machine. He seldom drives the Phantom on the roads although it is taxed, insured and has an MoT. It can notch up 125mph, though he's only reached 90 on a private track.

> "It handles well and if you take it. on the road everyone just stops and stares, and tries to identify it. I feel elated when I drive it, mainly from the fact that the beast actually



Aero Engine Car Club founder Mark Walker adjusts his six-litre Circus motor (top), while, below, cap-wearing Peter Morley and Robin Baker show off with their vintage 24 and 27-litre monsters

works. There's so much power in the engine that a gearbox is almost superfluous."

There is one hitch with the car - it goes distinctly better than it stops. "That's not to say it doesn't stop." insists Parris. "The brakes are there and they are basically good, but they don't have the repardation I would like You have to anticipate the whole time. But I'm working on that. It's just another challenge."

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"It's huge fun to drive, and does about three miles to the gallon. It took me five years to build, and cost

about £20,000 in parts. I worked on it every day — thousands of hours. I wouldn't do it again, it's far too complex. I can't afford the real thing: a Bugatti, a Maserati or an Alfa Romeo," he says. "A vintage car with an aero engine is a jolly good

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I've never heard of such a thing. I get quite hot under the collar to think that we mild-mannered Reliant drivers might be branded dangerous. How did it come

A I'm referring to the case of Darren Crowson that came before Exeter Crown Court this week. He was accused of dangerous driving after allegedly ramming his Reliant Robin into a cyclist who had made a rude gesture

I find it difficult to believe that one of our number could be so aggressive. What happened?

It appears that the court A it appears that the court took a similar view. Mr Crowson was cleared.

So has this condition of "Robin rage" gained recognition from doctors?

Not by a long way. I've A always had my doubts about "road rage". It seems to me a way of blaming traffic conditions for a lot of sheer bad manners and bad temper.

That's comforting, but it still seems to me we three-wheeler drivers are a persecuted minority. Does no one love the Refignt Robin?

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TVR went more like a Trabant

range of sports cars issued turn to one of its customers after finally agreeing to take off his hands a model which had given him 15 months of misery: don't ever darken our doors again.

The demand that neither Jeremy Moore "nor any associate" should attempt to purchase one of their new cars again was one of several actions by TVR Engineering in the face of bitter criticism of a new £32,000 Chimaera.

The story serves as a warning to the 475,000 motorists eagerly awaiting the arrival of a new F registration model next month that occasionally even the newest and

most exciting models can still behave like old bangers.

Moore's TVR is just one of scores of "cars from hell" reported to Car 96 in the four months since we launched the series on dissatisfied drivers for whom motoring had become a nightmare. We have received complaints about other top-of-the-range models including Audis and Mercedes as well as Fords and Fiats.

The Chimaera looked wonderful but in performance terms it was Britain's answer to the Trabant," says Moore, a management consul-tant from Hatch End, Middlesex. "It was the worst car I have had in

30 years of motoring."
He bought it in February last year from the TVR Centre at Arkley, Hertfordshire, with high hopes of exciting motoring ahead — but it was off the road for four of the remaining ten months of the year. He had to be rescued on five occasions by the AA Relay service after breaking down.

The list of problems recorded by Moore included the engine overheating, electrical failures, faulty air conditioning, faulty wipers, a rattling exhaust and a rear suspension which needed replacing. Rain leaked in between the windows and



the removeable top, into the boot and into the driver's foot-well,

rotting the carpet.
"The speedometer packed up and the radio, which had cost £1,200 as an additional extra, didn't work outside north London - or anywhere if it rained," Moore adds,

ne cold-day, I started the car and left the engine running with the keys in the Ignition. When I returned, the car had locked itself. I phoned the manufacturers and they said I would have to break a window, but I managed to poke a broom in through the back and ease the top off.

"On three occasions the windows suddenly steamed up so I couldn't see. I had to unwind the windows frantically, mop the windscreen and hope I could stop before hitting anything. The engine used to stall and wouldn't restart for two or three minutes. On one trip to the West End, it stalled 32 times."

As the faults continued, Moore took up his complaints with TVR Engineering's head office and asked for his car to be replaced. Frustrated by the lack of response, he wrote directly to P. R. Wheeler, the chairman, asking for "the courtesy of a reply". In a oneparagraph response, Wheeler

wrote: "I am rather puzzled by your use of the word 'courtesy' as I am convinced you do not know the meaning of the word."

Moore admits that on one occasion anger got the better of him and he marched into the TVR Centre at Arkley, "shouting, waving my arms around and saying the car was rubbish". The sales company's response was to threaten him with an injunction banning him from their premises.

After months of argument, the TVR Centre finally agreed to sell the Chimaera for Moore and obtained a price of £28,450, which was £3,550 less than he had paid.

As part of the deal, the company asked Moore to agree "that neither he nor any associate of his shall at any time in the future purchase a new TVR", and also to promise that he would not publicise the problems he had suffered. He refused. Duncan Callow of the Legal Protection Group, which took up his case. says: "Never before have I come across a company trying to gag a dissatisfied customer or trying to stop him or his family from ever buying another of their products. Mr Moore is understandably angry but he has been tolerance personified. He is not alone: I have received ten similar stories about TVRs breaking down."
As the conflict continued, Moore

contacted Car 96 and we in turn sought help on his behalf from TVR Engineering. The company's response was to contact lawyers and we received a letter from solicitors acting for the TVR Centre claiming that there were "numerous inaccuracies in Moore's story" and objecting to his comments about the final

We were happy to remove those comments from this article. Moore has received his money but no compensation for the breakdowns he endured. In their letters, the lawyers made no attempt to counter the criticisms of the car.



Angry owner Jeremy Moore was instructed by TVR never to purchase another of its cars again

Expensive Legacy

Faulty paint, knocking

suspension and misfire

were denied as problems

THE WOODCOCK family's second car was supposed to be an economical estate to carry Mary Woodcock, her three children and trish wolfhound in reasonable comfort on daily journeys. After more than three years of

miserable motoring in their car from hell, Jeremy Woodcock reports that the Subaru Legacy 2.2GX Estate has "cost more to run, more to service and more to insure" than his own BMW. "I have had many different

makes of car in the past. Some have been problematical and some not, but never have I met such a stonewall approach from the dealers and the makers' customer-care department," says Dr Woodcock, a dentist from Great Missenden,

Bucks. The first problem with the car, bought new for £16,000 in February 1993, was faulty paintwork which scratched easily.

The Subaru dealer shut

shop after servicing the

car wrongly and then

charging too much

"When my wife mentioned this to the dealer, the response was, What do you expect for the

money?," Dr Woodcock says, Two further problems soon developed: a persistent misfire on acceleration and a knocking noise from the front suspension. Both were reported to the dealer who investiwrong. Shortly afterwards, the car developed a clutch judder.

THE PROBLEMS continued despite routine services which became increasingly expensive. "The last 30,000-mile service cost us well over £400," says Dr Woodcock. "This service should have included a clutch inspection and full road test. A month later, the clutch

"By this time, the dealer had one out of business. I wrote to Subaru UK inquiring about the exceptionally heavy cost of the service and, to my amazement, was told that the garage had incorrectly identified our vehicle and done the wrong service on it.

The correct service would have cost much less but, as the dealer be done."

The clutch was repaired by a local non-franchised garage, which discovered the suspension knock and misfire when it took the car on a road test and then rectified the faults.

Dr Woodcock wrote again to Subaru UK with a full report but received a noncommittal reply. A company manager told Car 96 that it could not be held responsible for errors which might have been made by a dealer, and could do nothing about them as the dealer had closed down.

Owners given stick by gears

Drivers caught in Hades' clutches

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Iwo failures of the automatic gearbox within 30,000 miles on a Ford Fiesta have ruined motoring for L.C. Dimbleby of Chesham, Bucks. The gearbox first started juddering after 3,000 miles on the Ghia 1.4 and was replaced free by Ford. After a further 27,000 miles, it failed completely.

He writes: "Ford eventually allowed me a £320 reduction on the £1 918 met of fitting a new box. This

£1,918 cost of fitting a new box. This is totally inadequate and I have suggested that since a gearbox could be expected to last 100,000 miles and only did 27,000, a reduction of 73 per cent (equivalent to the lost 73,000 miles) would be nearer the mark." Ford says it will be contacting Mr Dimbleby.

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n automatic transmission which failed after 42,000 miles left Adalbert da Silva of Woking, Surrey, feeling "bitter and severely shortchanged". He had paid extra for the gearbox on his new £16,000 Audi 80 and believed it should have lasted longer, especially as the car had

been regularly serviced.

Audi eventually offered to pay 30 per cent of the parts cost leaving da Silva to find another £2.000 for his share and labour. He writes: "If I were not just a pensioner but a person with some clout or a member of the royal household, I would be made a better offer." Audi insists that its goodwill gesture is both fair and reasonable

Paul Gardner of Hertford came up with a way of persuading Fiat to take notice of the gearbox faults he was experiencing with his new Uno. It had already suffered several

minor problems which were repaired under warranty but he was then charged for a gearbox repair which had failed to eradicate the problems, so he contacted Flat UK's managing director and threatened to write to newspapers.

"The effect was miraculous," he says. "The following morning I received a call from the dealer who sold me the car offering a full repair of the gearbox and any other faults I cared to mention plus a free service.

"I would like to thank Car 96 for the 'Cars from Hell' features which have been highly instrumental in my campaign, both for inspiration and for ammunition."

The German Grand Prix sets a high-speed test of old-fashioned danger

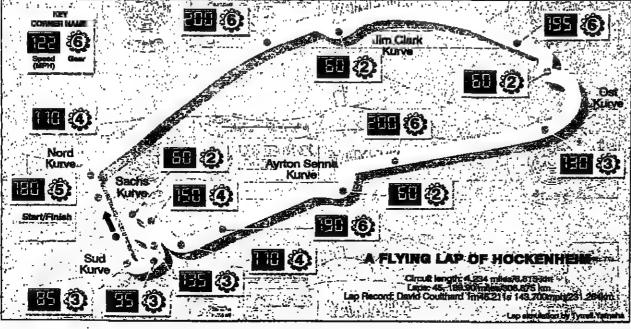


omething is spooky about Hockenheim, the home of the German Grand Prix. There are circuits at which danger seems remote, even absent. These tend to be the modern, relatively slow, twisty tracks with huge gravel traps distancing the spectators from the action and the drivers from the barriers - Nurburgring is a good example. Hockenheim reminds you

that motor racing is dangerous. Drivers feel it as soon as they arrive, a certain sense of n trepidation. Of course you don't talk about it, you probably don't even admit it, for any weakness will be seized upon by competitors. The circuit is long - just

over four miles. The twisty Stadium section is civilisation: it includes the paddock and the start/finish straight amid convoluted slow corners and is set in the middle of vast concrete grandstands, accommodating 100,000 flag-waving, firework-launching,

After the first corner, the circuit heads into the wilderness for three miles of highspeed driving through the forest. This used to be one virtually flat-out 190mph stretch, two straights linked by a huge 180-degree corner.



Where fear reigns among the trees

exhilarating 170mph corner had the potential for a dreadful accident. It happened on August I, 1980, when Patrick Depailler lost control of his Alfa Romeo Formula One car while testing for the German Grand Prix. He was killed instantly. Now the three-mile forest section has three chicanes, but it still leaves three long straights, where top speeds are up to 210mph - the

fastest at any circuit. It is this that provokes apprehension. If something breaks at 120mph the chances has every chance of being are that by the time you've

It was obvious that the spun and scrubbed off some speed you may only be doing 70 when you leave the track. The run off area and gravei trap may absorb another 40mph leaving you with a 30 mph clunk into the tyre wall. Initially scary, but ultimately

no big deal. At 180 mph it's a different story. The energy that must be dissipated rises by the square of the speed, and the aerodynamic stability that we all take for granted is dependent on the car going forwards on four wheels. Spin a car at 180 and it flipped into the air; from then

on, it's an aircraft accident with your destiny in the lap of

The straights are not wide at Hockenheim and neither are the run-off areas, but at least they have Armoo barriers, introduced since the circuit claimed its most legendary victim, double-World Champion, Jim Clark.

When you're driving, the combination of concentration, adrenalin, determination and focus on the task overwhelms such thoughts — unless it rains. Driving in a 200mph convoy in the dry when you can see is one thing. In the wet

appalling than ever. The forest lining the track hinders the dissipation of the spray, it lingers, menacingly, potentially concealing cars relatively cruising at 130mph.

But for all that, Damon Hill's biggest fear tomorrow will be of being beaten by his team mate, Jacques Villeneuve which would erode his nowvulnerable world-championship lead. It could happen, for the chicane-hopping technique required here may suit Villeneuve, while Schumacher's Ferrari is due to be faster with some new tweaks - but for how long?

And watch out for the improving McLarens, especially eager to go well in front The straight-line speed kings of Jordan Peugeot will be right there too. Nevertheless, Damon's still my man.

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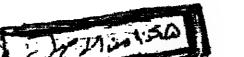
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a Olympics could be complete with-

out one of its most

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Schastlan Coe. While

the 1500-metres champion turned Tory MP for Falmouth

and Camborne has been denied his spot in the BBC

commentators' box because he

has just joined the Govern-

ment as a junior whip, he will

be in Atlanta as a fan to cheer

Coe, 39, has produced an illustrated book, The Olympians, which profiles the athletes

who inspired him. He won

two Olympic gold medals and

two silvers, and remarkably,

the 800-metres world record

that he set in 1981 remains

unbroken and has thus be-

come enshrined in athletics

history as the longest unbeat-

on the national team.

Pierce he is

a late starter at driving

How did you first learn to

I was a late starter. I was an Olympic champion before I obtained my driving licence. I passed my test in 1981, when I was 25, at the first attempt. It turned heads as I was driving around Loughborough, where I lived, with my L-plates on. I had never got round to learning because I was never in one place for more than ten weeks at a time because of the pressure of competition.

What was your first car?

You are talking to a motoring illiterate. It was some form of Saab, which I had on a sponsorship deal. I had been voted by sports writers the Hertz athlete of the year and the prize was the use of the car for a year. I gave it to my father who would always have preferred me to have won the Tour de France than an Olympic 800-metres medal. I won the Hertz prize for a second year and gave that car to a Northern runner who was showing great promise . . . his name was Steve Cram.

What car do you drive now and why?

l'am between cars. I have a Vauxhall Frontera at the moment but not for long, while my wife has a Ford Mondeo estate. I am commuting from my home in Cornwall to London by train and plane via Newquay Airport. I will buy a new car in the next few weeks but it will have to be big as it will have to accommodate three children, three dogs, my wife and me. I have yet to make up my mind.

Do you like driving?

Not desperately. It does not do much for me. I enjoy the fivehour drive to the constituency though because there is no mobile telephone in the car.

What is your most hated car?

I don't know enough about cars to care but I would say anyone that has the temerity to park in the space outside my

What is your dream car?

I do not dream about cars. I dream about anything other

than cars such as the time I won the Olympics, became an MP, got married, and when I become Prime Minister. My dreams are very vivid and I have a great imagination.

What is your worst habit in the car?

Being a jazz fanatic, the music blares out when I am driving. To the fury of my wife, I keep a constant beat on the footrest.

What infuriates you most about other drivers?

When they sit three feet behind me on the motorway. It's even worse if they have recognised me and they are trying to get close. On my very first day in the Commons, when I was introduced to my secretary. she asked if I had driven across Hammersmith flyover that morning. When I told her I had, she said she knew. She had just had a Mr Angry on the telephone complaining that I had out him up.

thing you have done in your

Losing it on the forecourt of a petrol station at the beginning of the year. I left the keys in the car, went to pay, having filled up with petrol. When I got back to the car 45 seconds later, it was nowhere to be seen. I was stunned. It was all the harder to bear as, being a canny Yorkshireman, I had put £20 of petrol in it. The car turned up six months later. Such an indignity.

Have you ever had points on your licence?

Intermittently. It is not only on the racetrack that I go into top

What do you listen to in the

Catholic taste: Ella Fitzgerald.

If you were Secretary of State for Transport, what is the first thing you would do?

Well I never expected such heady promotion in the reshuffle. I would tell the one we have got (Sir George Young) what a great job he has done. I would then set about creating my very own lane on the M25. It can be a complete nightmare on a Friday, virtual gridlock, when driving back to the constituency.

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book is entertaining, sus-

penseful, and bears daring

hints of feminism and sado-

masochism. Tempest sums it

up thus: "I like the chase, it

is exciting, novel and

SMALL HOLDINGS

This promising novella by

Nicola Barker unrolls in a

park in Palmers Green. The

boss of an eccentric bunch of

gardeners is going loopy. Attractions and hostilities

start running wild. Common

or garden life becomes in-

creasingly surreal as seen through the wide eyes of the blushing botanical expert,

Phil, who knows plants'

healing powers, but is hope-

lessly passive himself. Bark-

er combines verbal

playfulness with simple sen-

tences. The park offers mys-

teries and amusements and

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cerns with the public and the

private, order and chaos.

That said, the story ambles.

By Nicola Barker

ISBN 0 571 17588 0

Faber, E5.99

■ THE LOST MARINER By William Bedford Abacus, £6.99, ISBN 0 349 10805 6

IN 1869, at age 14, after the death of both parents and then his

absorbing."

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By Jack Miles

ISBN 0 684 81684 9

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BOOKS

Good life behind the wire

Eric Lomax is astonished to learn how well Japanese PoWs fared in American custody

THIS is a remarkable book in man ways. First published in Japan in 1952, it has now been translated into English, eight years after the author's

Ooka Shohei was born in Tokyo in 1909 and was drafted into the Imperial Japanese Army in 1944 at the age of 35. an indication of the desperate state of the country at that time. He was sent to join the ill-equipped Japanese "expend-able" garrison of 1,000 men on the island of Mindoro, in the Philippines.

After his capture by the American forces early in 1945, Ooka was sent to a PoW camp on Leyte. The main part of Taken Captive is devoted to his experiences there throughout 1945. The conditions in which the Japanese prisoners lived are astonishing. Ooka complains of the excessive amount of food, such as corned beef and cocoa, provided by the US Army, of the lack of useful work, of the lack of

exercise and of his fellows, several

hundred in all, getting too fat. The

PoWs eventually accumulated so much clothing that they burnt the surplus.

PoW's Story By Ooka Shohe John Wiley, £19.99 ISBN 0471 14285 9

British and other allied survivors of Japanese PoW camps will find the secure and comfortable life of their Japanese opposite numbers hard to accept. At that same time, in 1945, allied Pows in Asia were dying from a combination of problems including near-starvation. In the Philippines. American PoWs were brutally mur dered in large numbers, until relief came with the dropping of the nuclear bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

The real value of this book lies in its detailed commentary on life and of the relationships between the Japanese PoWs thrown together on Leyte. Un-like the British PoWs, who adhered to traditional British Army ranks, the Japanese immates developed their own new organisational structures, almost as if the community was a civilian one, with personal status based on power.



Camp bountiful: Japanese prisoners complained of being too well fed

The reader of this book may well have problems. The text is edited together from a series of essays published separately after the war. Consequently there is thus much duplication, the text does not progress smoothly and is not in proper chronological sequence.

Nevertheless, I know of no comparable book. The reader must beware,

Taken Captive can best be described as a combination of fact and fiction, built around a factual framework. It is massive and probably unique.

Placido Domingo probably is. however, for Ooka was a distinguished thing Lebrecht is reluctant to Japanese novelist. The result is that reveal is the identity of the miscreants whose crimes he

pulsion for sex with underage Eric Lomax is the author of The Railway Man (Viutage £6.99), an account of his captivity under the Japanese, which won this year's NCR Book Award. boys"; the other "celebrated conductor who surrounded himself with admiring teenagers and habitually abused them"; the "director" who has apparently ensured the nine-year absence from Covent Garden of a British counter-

> Cooper put this book at the top of her summer reading list in The Times the other week. Armed with a sharp eye for detail and an unerring nose for smut, Lebrecht wrestles gamely with the sharks that lurk in the murky waters of classical music. He describes a business in crisis, and with only itself to blame. Genius has given way to greed, artistry to accountancy, creativity to



Pavarotti: massive income

The Concert to End All Concerts is almost upon us." The arguments are powerfully put, and some of them are even true. But are things quite as bad as Lebrecht is determined to claim? Are we really witnessing what his subtitle terms "the corporate

murder of classical music ? Almost certainly not. We may be running out of monstrous maestros; we may be sick of the sound of Nessun dorma; we may have more orchestras than we can reasonably expect to support. But there are more than enough compensations. Small, spe-cialist ensembles thrive. The repertoire — live and on CD has a variety that a decade ago would have seemed inconceivable. Standards are as high as they have been for years. And when the programme, the performers and the price are right, audiences will queue round the block. If Lebrecht's owa voice were a little less strident, he might still hear the music loud and clear.

IAN BRUNSKILL

TALKING TO

THE DEAD

Helen Dunmore

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The law of the concrete jungle

THE HARLEM CYCLE: A Rage in Harlem, The Real-Cool Killers, The Crazy Kill By Chester Himes Payback Press, £6.99 ISBN 0 86241 596 9

the happiest day of her life. Or so she thinks. Her dread-THE three quick-fire novels ed housemates are also holdthat comprise The Harlem ing parties. Escaping her Cycle feature the investigadisastrous engagement partions of a pair of steel-nerved ty, Celia follows a trail of black detectives, Coffin Ed Johnson and Grave Digger Jones. But the character that drugged iam tarts into the surreal world of Alice in Wonderland. A farce of misholds centre stage is Harlem taken identities ensues (Celia itself, presented as an outlandish, dangerous place of vice and vitality, where the honest suffer and exotic chancers is of course an anagram for Alice) but there is a darker side. Everything is turned upside down as events spiral survive as best they can. out of control. Cella finally

First published almost 40 years ago, this trilogy has been rereleased and repackaged as part of a stylish series writing. Chester Himes, who died in 1984, has been hailed as the "father of black American crime-writing", acknowledging his achievement in fusing square-jawed detective fiction with the experience of

black inner-city life. Himes's detective stories have a flavour all of their own, mixing deadpan Chandleresque delivery with a strong vein of social conscience and an awareness that black lawkeepers and law-breakers are all outsiders, when they step from Harlem into the unfamiliar world of white America.

A Rage in Harlem, the strongest of the three novels, follows the misfortunes of a guileless undertaker's assistant who is swindled out of all his money by his deceitful lover. In a series of beautifully ironic scenes, the mild-mannered dupe looks for assistance, first to his indifferent pastor and then to his drug-addicted street preacher brother, before Coffin Ed and Grave Digger finally come to the rescue.

The novel works as an efficiently fast-paced crime novel, but where A Rage in Harlem really makes an impact is its depiction of Harlem as a separate state of mind, suffused with its own bleak humour, religion, music, superstition and a sense of a whole neighbourhood living behind enemy lines, where nothing is as it appears.

THE killing of a white man in a Harlem bar, apparently by a black street gang, is the case tackled by the two detectives in The Real Cool Killers. As well as introducing a series of larger-than-life suspects, the novel raises the theme of racial disharmony, with dole-ful memories of slavery emerging as the motive for the murder is uncovered.

The concluding novel in the cycle, The Crary Kill, also uses a murder, this time at a funeral party, to cast a search-light through the overcrowded ements and noisy streets of Harlem. Once again the conventions of the crime novel are enlivened with Himes's intelligent observations of life in The Payback Press series in

which the Chester Himes trilogy appears also includes the first British publication of two other streetwise novels from America: Clarence Cooper Jr's 1963 account of prison and drug addiction. The Farm (£5.99, ISBN 0 86241 600 0) and Charles Perry's 1962 story of a Brooklyn criminal, Porhouse (Bennett's exact childtrait of a Young Man Drowning (£6.99, ISBN 0 8624) 602 7). hood status never having been made absolutely clear). Driver us, for example, of the highly

SEAN COUGHLAN | was no precocious street ur- : poropriate residence in what

Reynard's misguided rescuers

THE BLOOD IS WILD By Bridget MacCaskill with photographs by Don MacCaskill Jonathan Cape, 19.99 ISBN 0 224 03698 X

THERE CANNOT be many naturalists who have braved the eyric of a golden eagle to stroke the feathers of its young, or watched a wildcat at bay as it attempts to ferry its kittens across a loch, or witnessed a dog fox being chased from a sett by angry badgers. For describing these and other fascinating encounters with nature in the raw, the MacCaskills — he a forester and wildlife photographer, she an enthusiastic observer of animal life - deserve high praise. They have invested time, patience and skill in securing some breathtaking images, and the results are frequently enthralling.

But this is no Born Free or Ring of Bright Water. The prose is folksy, the descripcubs are forever tumbling out of their dens, nostrils twitch in the evening breeze, and the heather-clad hills are dappled with cliches. The story at the heart of it involves the rescue. nurture and final release of two young foxes into the wild. For all its heartwarming aspects, this was surely a ques-

donable exercise. The MacCarkilla thesia is that the fox is unfairly persecuted by the farmers, shepherds and gamekeepers, who view it as the enemy and kill it brutally. Eagles, they argue, would be far more effective in reducing for numbers than

THE former Late Show pre-

senter Sarah Dunant has been

peering at the world again through her red-rimmed spec-tacles and come up with a topical new novel, When the

Healing Begins. It is about a

woman being stalked in her own home. Publication next

THERE are all too many

candidates these days for a

March from Little, Brown.

these and other birds of prey were allowed to thrive, fewer lambs or young birds would be taken. I doubt if many Scottish gamekeepers, watching their dwindling stock of that, and even the authors erbating the problem?

themselves concede that for numbers have greatly increased with the introduction of sheep onto the hills. By rescuing cubs who would otherwise die, then releasing them into the wild, are the grouse, would go along with . MacCaskills not simply exac-

Motherly love: a vixen suckles her new-born cubs - photographed by Don MacCaskill

To this they would doubtless reply that saving foxes from a cruel death is simple humanity. Animal lovers will probably agree. Those who try to make a living from the land may beg to differ.

MAGNUS LINKLATER

and his seventy-fifth birthday

will be celebrated next month

with an exhibition at the National Portrait Gallery.

called Literati. On show for

the first time will be some of

his colour portraits taken in

authors' houses, including Evelyn Waugh and family at Combe Florey. Recent sitters

include young flitterati such as

Stalking course "Mind Bog-gling Books Moons by Sha-ron Creech. £5.000. It is about a girl who travels across America in

WH Smith gives one every year specifically for "the best paperback children's read". This year the jury of ten schoolchildren chose an American book: Walk Two search of her lost mother.

MARK GERSON has been

anapping writers for 40 years.

Ben Okri. (August 2 - October 13. admission free.)

A Mancunian candidate for the chair of nostalgia

course, namely diplomas in total recall and in listmaking. He impressed this examiner with his ability to recollect a whole window display of working-class sweets and toffees ("Nuttall's Mintoes, Trebor Mint Imperials stiff-wrapped Pascall Fruit Bonbons, Cadbury's Chocolate Eclairs, buttermint bonbons by Craven's of York, Keiller's

little gold oblongs of butterscotch, and ... Callard & Bowser's Brazil Nuts"), every building lining a favourite area, "the Height" (ranging from Kipswear the outlitter to Johnson's "immemorial ironmongery and — in five triumphant pages — the entire contents of his garden shed. However, unlike Water-

family as "a boy of words -long ones, of course", a predilection surviving in this book in the somewhat ostentatious obscusion of such rarities as "ascesis", "congener", "gonfa-lon" and "lumulae". Driver, an assiduous researcher, has dug up intrigu-

ing information. He informs

End of an eyesore: the Arndale Centre in the recent bomb attack chin. Studious from the start, he was reverenced by his

but, since those notables' days, largely reconstructed in hideous form. Nor is Driver himself a true Mancunian, having been born outside the city's boundaries in Davyhulme. When Winston Churchill. MP for Davyhulme, once claimed in the Commons to be a representative of Manchester, I told him sharply not to give himself airs.

GERALD KAUFMAN EAN COUGHLAN | was no precious sireer or a partial in what

is today's drug-ridden Moss Side of Thomas De Quincey, PAUL DRIVER is the latest raduate of the Honours By Paul Driver the opium-eater. This may, on School of Northern Nostalgia. Picador, £15.99 First-class degrees have al-ready been awarded to Keith Waterhouse and ISBN 0 330 34562 1 the other hand, be the last book which will ever bother to criticise the Alan Bennett (special sub-Arndale Centre, since this ject; Leeds). shopping mall was Driver possesses the necessary qualifications for the nostalgia study severely damaged by last month's IRA bomb and is unlikely to survive as what Driver calls "the vast, yellow-tiled, nauseating development which



Winner of the Orange Prize for Fiction Dunmore writes wonderfully about food and sexin no ed , has long since spread across the centre of Man-*One of the most promising young chester like a disease". writers around, combining as --While Moss Side and dazzling perceptiveness about the the Arndale Centre are unquestionably in Mandarker aspects of the human psyche chester, this book is not with a heart-stoppingly compelling really about Manchester at all but about Salford, once the haunt of Lowry and the Walter Greenwood of Love on the Dole Definitely a book to read in one embralled string ----Ill your read outs one book, this open by h he die!

grandmother, Samuel Vempley was indentured to a kind and wise skipper. He gave Samuel his first cockle, his first taste for the sea. When the skipper dies eight years later and Samuel's girlfriend disappears, Samuel thinks he can breathe easier with a job aboard the Reichabite Instead. Beckford thrusts the reader into a voyage of brutality and abuse, headed by a zealous skipper and a cruel third hand. Samuel finds that the immense grief and loneliness of life on land is only matched by that at sea. MOTO

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GOING OUT

CHILDREN

LONDON Children's Summer Funfair With helter-skelter rides and a bouncy castle in a miniature fair for youngsters. Alexandra Park Wood Green, N22. Today, ends tomorrow, midday-7pm; free

Country Craft Fayre Major Craft fair, with demonstrations and bands. Ealing Common, Gunnersbury Avenue, W5 (01344 874 787). Today and tomorrow, 10am-6pm; E1-E3.

Gigantic Tickles Part of Blitz '96, this week-long event offers workshops and performances for children to explore the ins and outs of our human body. Ballroom, Main Foyar, Festival Hall, South Bank Centre, SEJ (0171-960 4242). Today, tomorrow. performances and workshops. 10.30am-3.45pm; workshops child £2.50, adult free. performances free.

Moscow State Circus World-renowned circus featuring clowns and no animals. Roundshaw Park, Croydon (0421 565 557). Today and tomorrow, 2pm and 7pm; E8-E20.

Scars and Bruises A continuing series of summer film workshops looks at the use of make-up in film. For seven years and above. Museum of London, London Wall. EC2 (0171-600 3699). Tomorrow, 12.45pm-4.45pm; £3.50, cones £1.75.

Summer Holiday Tours Interactive tours of the gallery for ages eight to II.

The National Gallery.

Trafalgar Square, WC2 (0171-839 3321). Today and tomorrow, 11.30am; free.

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ABERDEEN The Vicious Circle Show All-new circus experience with all-traditional magic. Aberdeen Arts Centre, King Street (01224 635 208). Tonight, 7.30pm; £6, concs £4.

COLERAINE Dorothy's Adventures in Oz Unmissable, offbeat adaptation of The Wizard of Oz, performed by the Santa Monica Playhouse Theatre of Los Angeles. Part of a tour. Riverside Theatre, University of Coleraine (01265 51388). Tonight, 8pm; £6.

DOWNPATRICK The Vikings
Exciting show with CD-Rom facilities, life models and videos for children documenting the rise of the northern Europe conquerors. Down County Museum, The Mall (01396 615 218).

Today, tomorrow, 2pm-5pm; free.

LEEDS Rhythms of the City Major event on world music, featuring special children's activities, games and productions. Rhythms of the City Festival. various venues (0113 244 2111). Today, tomorrow, times vary; mostly free, phone for details.

NEWPORT Launch of Summer Fun Festival Outdoor fun with a parade, face-painting, circus and ballooning competition. Newport Town Centre. John Frost Square (01633 232 849). Today, 11-30am; free.



Downpatrick: set sail in a replica of a boat used by the Viking conquerors, at Down County Museum

GALLERIES

LONDON Assembling the Family Photographs exploring the genre of family portraiture. National Portrait Gallery. St Martin's Place, WC2 (0171-306 0055). Today, 10am-6pm. tomorrow, midday-6pm; free

Fani and Carlos Bracher Oil on canvas paintings from two Brazilian artists. Cynthia Bourne Gallery Clifford Street, W1 (0171-439 0007). Today, 10am-4pm; free.

Contemporary Spanish Comprehensive survey of still lifes and portraits. Mariborough Gallery, Albernarle Street, WI (0171-629 5161). Today, 10am-12.30pm; admission free

CRITICS CHOICE

LEON KOSSOFF As he turns 70 this year, Kossoff must no doubt be accounted one of Britain's senior masters. But somehow he does not seem like that it would be impossible, just looking at his paintings, to guess what generation he belonged to. This is because he has always gone his own way at his own pace. Although he has frequently been compared to Frank Auerbach (only five years younger), his work is in fact very different. Kossoff's technique sometimes seems chancy and his draughtsmanship childlike, but this retrospective makes it clear that he knows exactly what he is doing, and that nobody does it better.

JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR Tate Gallery, Millbank London SWI (0171-887 8008). Today, 10am-5.50pm, tomorrow, 2pm 5.50pm; £4, concs £2.50.



Choice: Leon Kossoff's Christchurch, Summer Afternoon

BP Portrait Award Annual exhibition. National Portrait Gallery. St Martin's Place, WC2 (017)-306 (0055). Today, !Oam-6pm, tomorrow, noon-6pm; free.

REGIONAL EDINBURGH Alberto Giacometti Large-scale retrospective. Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art. Belford Road (013)-556 8921). Today, 10am-5pm. tomorrow, 2pm-5pm; £4, cones £2.50.

GLASGOW Craigie Aitchison The artist's first solo retrospective of paintings. Gallery of Modern Art. Queen Street (0141-331 1854). Today, 10am-5pm, tomorrow, llam-5pm; free.

KENDAL Lucian Freud Etchings and painters by the acclaimed figurative painter. Abbot Hall Art Gallery, Abbot Hall (01539 722 464). Today, tomorrow, 10.30am-5pm; £2.50, cones £1.90.

POP

■ LONDON 95.8 Capital FM's Summer Jam Robbie Williams, East 17, Belinda Carlisle, Gabrielle, Dodgy, Mark Morrison, the Lighthouse Family, Peter Andre, Let Loose, MNS, Shed Seven, Cathy Dennis and Tina Arena. Clapham Common Rookery Road, SW4 (0171-388 7575). Tomorrow, midday-40m: free.

Elvis Cossello and the The New Wave intellectual plays his new album, All That Useless Beauty, with his original backing band. Roundhouse, Chalk Farm Road, NWI (0171-344 0044). Tonight, 7pm;

Santana American guitar virtuoso with his conga-driven, Latintinged rock band. Wembley Arena. Empire Way, HA9 (0181-900 1234). Tomorrow, 6.30pm: £17.50-£19.50.

The Times, in association with the National

Gallery, offers you the opportunity to save

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Degas: Beyond Impressionism. The offer is



REGIONAL BERWICK-UPON-TWEED Summer Folk Festival Cosmotheka, the John Wright Band, Alison Kinneard and Christine Primrose, Macumba. Maltings Arts Centre, (01289 330 999). Today.

BIRMINGHAM Keith Sweat Leading light of modern American soul.

AN EXCLUSIVE TIMES READER PROMOTION

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National Exhibition Centre. (0121-780 4133). Tonight, 6.30pm; £17.50.

CAMBRIDGE Cambridge Folk Festival Featuring the Saw Doctors, Alison Krauss and Union Station, Oyster-band, the Rankin Family, Altan (today), Ray Davies, Penguin Cafe Orchestra, Oysterband, the Rankin Family, Altan (tomorrow), Cherry Hinton Hail Grounds. Cherry Hinton (0)223 463 346). Today, tomorrow, 9am;

ticket holders only. CLACTON-ON-SEA Shakespears Sister Slobhan Fahey's glam-pop band, now without old partner Marcella Detroit. Princes Theatre. Town Hall, Station Road (012S5 423 400). Tonight, 8pm;

DUBLIN Boyzone Hugely successful band. The Point, East Link Bridge (00353) 836 3633). Tonight, 7pm; phone for availability.

Three dancers in purple skirts (detail)

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GALWAY The Big Day Out With Radiohead, Neneh Cherry, the Bluetones, the Cardigans, the Divine Comedy and Ron Sexsmith. Castlegar Sports Grounds. Dublin Road (01890 566 577). Tomorrow, 1.30pm; £20,

CODICE E18. GOSPORT Jools Holland and His Rhythm and Blues Orchestra The boogie-woogie plano man and television presenter plays the Gosport Festival. Walpole Park, Walpole Road (01705 522 944). Tonight, 7.30pm;

CRITICS CHOICE

BRYAN ADAMS The expatriate Canadian's skill as a songwriter has been undermined over the years by his populist instincts. And the sheer, mind-boggling scale of his biggest hit — Everything I Do (I Do It For You) — has obscured the more "credible" aspects of his repertoire as a whole. But nobody handles a stadium gig with quite the allencompassing authority of Bryan Adams — from the airpunching anthems of Sum-mer of '69 to the lighters-aloft balladry of his new single, Let's Make a Night to

DAVID SINCLAIR Wembley Stadium, Empire Way, Middlesex (0181-900 1234). Tonight, 8pm (gates open 2pm); £25.50-

JAZZ

LONDON Ray Gaskins, Anita Carmi-chael Quartet The purring of Australian singer Carmichael, plus the soul-jazz sax of Roy Ayers. Ronnie Scott's, Frith Street, W1 (0171-439 0747). Tonight, 9pm; £12.

CRITIC'S CHOICE KIRK FRANKLIN Contemporary gospel's hot-test act parades his choir, the Family, before the faithful tonight, A standard-bearer for the so-called "new traditionalists", Franklin has concocted

a hugely popular formula

combining sanctified lyrics

and a powerhouse dance beat. CLIVE DAVIS Festiva! Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (0171-960 4242). Tonight,

Jack Gibbons Plays Gershwin Acclaimed pianist plays the finest Gershwin. Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank Centre, SE1 (0171-960 4242). Tomorrow, 7.45pm; £8-£14.

Jimmy McGriff/ Hank Crawford Quartet With Hammond grinder McGriff and blues-based tenorist Hank Crawford. Jazz Cafe. Parkway, NWI (0171-344 0044). Tomorrow, 7pm; £12.50, adv £10.50.

Магу Сесте Нагал Accompanied by Richard

Rodney Bennett at the piano, the New York cabaret star celebrates the music of Rodgers and Hart (and, in the late set, performs film songs of the 1940s). Pizza on the Park Knightsbridge, London SWI (0171-235 5273). Tonight, 9.15pm and 11.15pm; £18.

Dords Trey Gospel star of the West End's Mama I Want to Sing takes to wooing the diners. Межо. Wardour Street, WI (0171-

314 4000). Tomorrow, 8.30pm; free for diners.

BIRMINGHAM Almost Grown Jazz-funk quintet featuring the Smallwood Brothers, inspired by the Isley Brothers and the Average White Band. Ronnie Scott's. Broad Street (0121-643 4525). Tomorrow, 8pm; £8.

EDINBURGH Guy Nicholson's Jam Led by Salsa Celtica's percussionist. Henry's Cellar Bar, Morrison Street, opposite MGM Cinema (0131-221 1288). Tomorrow, 5.30pm; £2.

ILKLEY Jon Taylor Quartet Tenor saxophonist with pianist Tony Leigh and drummer Mike Ledgard. Farside Cafe. (01943 602 030) Tomorrow, 12.30pm; free.

LIVERPOOL Cantaloop Cheltenham's finest hiphop and funk band. Heebiejebees Club, Seel Street (0151-709 2666). Tonight, 9.30pm; £3.



London: George Gershwin

RUISLIP National Youth Jazz Orchestra Young British jazz talent. Golf Centre, Ickenham Road (01895 638 081). Tomorrow, 12.30pm; £5, mems £4. WAKEFIELD

Kenny Ball and His Featuring the trumpet veteran, whose Midnight in Moscow was the first British single to break into the American charts. Wakefield Theatre Royal and Opera House, Drury Lane (01924 211 311). Tomorrow, 7.30pm; £5.95-

FILMS

Films in London and (where indicated with the symbol +) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES Denise Calls Up (15) Lightweight, appealing lifestyle comedy from new

American director Hal Salwen. With Alanna Ubach and Dan Gunther. Chelsea (0171-351 3742) Curron West End (017)-369 1722) Renoir (0171-837 8402)

Majestic sequel to Coppola's Mafia epic, first released in 1974. With Al Pacino and Robert De Niro. Lumiere (0171-836 0691)

 Rainbow (PG) Perils of voyaging over the rainbow. Oddball fantasy with an ecological twist from director-star Bob Hoskins. With Jacob Tierney, Willy Lavendal Odeon Swiss Cottage (01426 914098) Warner West End (0171-437 4343)

CRITICS CHOICE

TWISTER (PG) Want to be whisked up in a tornado, and shattered and scattered across Oklahoma? This film will show you the way, though the cardboard characters and the sheer regularity of the tornado's devation limits the amount of drama. With Helen Hunt and Bill Paxton. Co-written by Michael Crichton; directed by Jan De Bont (Speed). GEOFF BROWN

ABC Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148) Barbican (2) (017)-638 8891) Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) Empire (0800-888 911) MGMs: Baker Street (0171-935 9772)Trocadero 🔕 (0171-434 003i) Notting Hill Coronet 🕃 (0171-727 6705) Odeons: Kensington (01426 914666) Swiss Cottage (01426 914098) Plaza 🔁 (0990 88990) Rio (0171-254 6677) Ritzy (0171-737 2121) Screen/Green (017)-226

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Victor Hugo meets the Disney animators. A perverse, and perversely successful, mix of the cuddly and downbeat. Directors, Gary Trousdale and Kirk Wise. Barbican (0171-638 8891) Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) MGMs: Baker Street (0171-935 9772) Chelsea (0171-352 5096) Odeons: Kensington (01426 914666) Leicester Square (01426-915 683) Swiss Cottage (01426 914 098) Ritzy (0171-737 2121)

UCI Whiteleys (5) (0990 888990) Virgin Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) ♦ Kingpin (12) Unfunny comedy about hustlers on the road, with Woody Harrelson, Randy Quaid and Bill Murray. 915 574) UCI Whiteleys (0990 888 990) Virgin Fulham Road (0171-370 2636)

 Moonlight and Valentino (15) Widow finds comfort with family, friends and a house painter. Decent romantic drama, with Elizabeth Perkins, Kathleen Turner and Jon Bon Jovi. Warner 🔂 (0171-437 4343)

♦ Muppet Treasure Island (U) Kermit and Miss Piggy invade Stevenson's classic. Jolly addition to the Muppet movie saga. Ritzy (0171-737 2121) Whiteleys (0990 888 990)

BOOKS



London: Will Self, reading III LONDON Will Self and Jock Scot Rare opportunity to see the acclaimed duo read extracts. Filthy Mac Nasty's and the Whiskey Cafe. Arnwell Street, ECI (0171-609 2543/837 6067).

Tomorrow, 8.30pm; £5. ■ REGIONAL ABERDEEN

Ken Cockburn The author leads an informal poetry masterclass. Central Library, Rosemount Viaduct (01224 634 622). Today, 2pm; free.

NOTTINGHAM **Talking Pictures Talk** Back A chance for the public's

views to be heard on the gallery's painting collection; comments will be displayed alongside. Nottingham Castle Museum and Art Gallery, (0115 948 3504). Today, 10.30am-midday; free.

PLYMOUTH Poetry Workshop Kenny Knight leads a discussion on poetry and offers sound advice. Plymouth Arts Centre. Looe Street (01752 660 060). Tonight, 8pm; £3.

CLASSICAL

BBC Symphony Orches-tra/Frühbeck de Burgos Beethoven's Seventh Symphony, Falla's Atlantida and Ravel's Piano Concerto for the Left Hand (soloist Louis Lortie). Àlbert Hall, Kensington Gore, SW7 (0171-589 8212). Tomorrow, 7.30pm; £4-£i8,

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CRITIC'S CHOICE VETERAN RETURNS George Malcolm has been one of the central figures in British musical tile for half a century - as cathedral organ-

ist and choirmaster, mercurial harpsichordist, and conductor. In tonight's Prom be conducts the English Chamber Orchestra in a fun programme of Mozart piano concertos (Andras Schiff the planist, Mozart's Haffner Symphony and Brahms's St

Anthony Variations.
RICHARD MORRISON Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (0171-589 8212). Tonight, 7.30pm; £4-£18.

Guildford Philliarmonic/ Del Mar Tchaikovsky's thrilling Fourth Symphony and Dvořák's Cello Concerto. Kenwood, Hampstead Lane, NW3 (0171-413 1443). Tonight, 7.30pm; £10.50 and £13.50.

Evening concert culminating from an earlier piano masterciass. Purcell Room, South Bank, SEI (0171-960 4242). Tomorrow, 10am; £3.50 per session, Concert (6.30pm), £4.50 and £6.50.

New Helsinki Quartet The Wigmore season ends with Janáček's Intimate Letters and Mozart's Dissonance. Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, WI (0171-935 2141). Tonight, 7.30pm;

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CANTERBURY Berkshire Choral Sestival Britten Sinfonia/Halsey Duruflé's Requiem is followed by Haydn's Mariazeller Mass. Canterbury Cathedral. (01227 595 635). Tonight, 7.**30pm**.

OXPORD Oxford Concert Party Bach and Vivaldi Baroque pieces to Piazzolla's tangos. Holywell Music Room, Holywell Street (01865 261 384). Tonight, 8pm; £8.

REIGATE RSM International Youth Orchestra/Olive Featuring Vaughan Williams's Sea Symphony and Holst's The Planets. Priory Park, Bell Street (01737 244 407). Tonight, 7.30pm: £11.

Royal Philharmonic/ Simonov Spectacular series of Russian works by Tchaikovsky, Prokofiev, Rachmaninov and others. Priory Park, Bell Street (01737 244 407). Tomorrow.

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5pm; El6 and El7. WOBURN An Evening With Michael Nyman Featuring many of his music film scores to The Piano and The Draughtsman's Contract. Woburn Abbey, (01908 234 466). Tonight, 8pm; £17.50 and £20.

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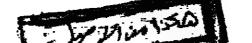
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GOING OUT



The Royal Ballet's Darcey Bussell takes flight at Covent Garden as Odette in Anthony Dowell's classic production of Swan Lake, first seen in 1987

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Blitz 96 Established dance festival offering a wide range of open classes and performances. Festival Hall Foyer and Ballroom Floor, South Bank, SEI (0171-960 4242). Times vary, phone for details; mostly free.

Merton Arts Festival: Mind Your Step Devised by Akram Khan of the Bengali School of Fine Arts, this dance-theatre performance is based on life in the multi-ethnic community.

DANCE

Merton Hall. Kingston Road, SW19 (0181-545 4197/0181-540 0362). Tonight, 7.30pm; £5, concs £3.

Merton Arts Festival: A Blaze of World Dance Local community groups stage a series of performances, followed by South Asian refreshments. Merton Hall, Kingston Road, SW19 (0181-545 4197/0181-540 0362). Tomorrow, 7.30pm; £3, concs £1.50. CRITICS CHOICE LORD OF THE DANCE

The American-Irish tap dancer Michael Flatley first found fame as the star of Riverdance. Now he strikes out with his own show that takes the successful formula one step further, by adding a storyline based on ancient Irish folk legends and giving it the full arena-rock treatment (not for nothing is Lord

of the Dance co-produced by the rock supremo Harvey Goldsmith). There is no doubt about it, Flatley is a a superb dancer, too.

Colineum. St Martin's Lane London. WC2 (0171-632 8300). Today, 2.30pm and 7.45pm; £10-£32.50.

Royal Ballet: Swan Lake Anthony Dowell's classic production first shown in

1987, featuring designs inspired by Faberge. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 and 7pm; £2-£58.50.

CAMBRIDGE The Cholmondeleys: Car The all-girl team drool dressing up for the occasion in a range of fantastic costumes. The Junction, Clifton Road (01223 412

(0171-304 4000). Today, 2pm REGIONAL

DEBRA CRAINE over the modern motor car, 600/511 511). Tonight, 8pm in the car park; £8.

COMING SOON

ELONDON July 30-August 2 Mr Worldly Wise Twyla Tharp's fulllength work returns for three performances only at the Royal Opera House. Box office: 0171-304 4000.

From August 28 Blinded by the Sun A new play by Stephen Poliakoff, starring Frances de la Tour and Graham Crowden, at the Cottesine Theatre (0171-928 2252).

Aug 29-Sep 3 Marianne Faithfull An evening of cabaret at

London's Almeida Theatre (box office 0171-359 4404), then Cambridge, Birmingham and Croydon.

ember 5-21 September 5-21 A Midsummer Night's Dream Adrian Noble's acclaimed production

returns to the Barbican prior to a national tour. Box office: 0171-638 8891. REGIONAL CHICHESTER

July 31-Aug 17 Hedda Gabler With Harriet Walter, Roy Marsden, Phyllida Law

and David Threlfall at the Minerva Theatre. Box office: 01243-781312.

EDINBURGH Aug 7-31 Festival Fringe Comedy

Main venues to head for are the Assembly Rooms (0131-226 2428), the Pleasance (0131-556 6550) and the Gilded Balloon (0131-226 2151). Among the stars appearing are Greg Proops, Graham Norton, Jenny Edair, Jeff Green, John Hegley, Lee and Herring, Phil Kay, Sandi Toksvig and Rhona



Marianne Faithfull presents an evening of cabaret in London at the end of August

RELIGION

LONDON

Enjoy the wonderful acoustics of Hawksmoor's St George's church in Bloomsbury at one of the last of their series of summer concerts, to be followed at Masayuki Tayama, the Japanese pianist who was, in 1994, the first prize winner in the Takarazuka Vega annual competition in Osaka and had his first plano lesson aged five in London, will play Brahms's Ransodie, Schubert's Sonata in C Minor and Chopin's Nocturne, as well as three Chopin studies. St George's Bloomsbury. Bloomsbury Way, London WC1 (0171-405 3044). Tomorrow, 5.20pm; free.

REGIONAL NEWCASTLE

A summer prayer festival, aimed especially at young St John Vianney Roman Catholic church. West Denton, Newcastle (01323 832 112). Today and

tomorrow; contact: Fr

Wayne Roxburgh.

OPERA --

LONDON Don Giovanni The European Chamber Opera stages Mozart's darkedged comedy.

Holland Park Theatre, Kensington High Street, W8 (0171-602 7856).

Today, 2.30pm and 7.30pm; £20, cones £14.50.

Mid-Wales Opera Marble Hill House, Richmond Road, Tomorrow, 7.30pm; £15, concs £12.

LULU Berg's scarifying study of the dled sexuality (OK, it can destroy us if we want it to, but a cold shower can work priately steamy musical per-formance from the London ham Vick's staging on the cool Schäfer, Norman Bailey.

RODNEY MILNES Glyndebourne, near Lewes, East Sussex (01273 813 813). Tonight, 5pm; £10-£110.

Also at Glyndebourne Dietfried Bernet conducts Strauss's and Holmannsthal's final collaboration in a revival of John Cox's production. Glyndebourne Opera (01273 813 813). Tomorrow, 5.15pm; £10-£110. Yevgeny Onyegin

La Bohème performs Puccini's popular Twickenham (0171-413 1443).

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destructive potential of unbriwonders) receives an appro-Philharmonic under Andrew Davis. Some may find Graside, but the cast - Christine David Kuebler and Kathryn Harries among them - is

Tchaikovsky's classic opera staged by Graham Vick and revived by

> Glyndebourne, Gennadi Rozhdestvensky conducts. Glyndebourne Opera (01273 813 813). Tomorrow, 4.10pm; £10-£110.



Christine Schäfer as Lulu

CONGLETON Madame Butterfly Clonter Opera Farm performs Puccini's classic. Clonter Opera Farm, (01260 224514). Tonight, 7pm; £25 and £28.

COMEDY

III LONDON Comedy Store: Best in Stand-Up With Jeff Green, Mandy Knight, Tim Vine and Sean Lock. Tim Clark MCs. Comedy Store, Oxendon Street, SWI

(01426 914 433). Tonight, 8pm and midnisht: £10.

Comedy Store Players Television celebrity line-up with Josie I awrence. Paul Merton and Lee Simpson, to name drop a few. Comedy Store, Oxendon Street, SWI (01426 914 433). Tonight, 8pm; £10.

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EDINBURGH PRÉVIEWS The London Fringe is teemtheir muscles before the Edinburgh Festival. The key venues are the Pleasance, with the Raging Urban Warrior Alan Parker tonight at 8.30pm; the Hen and Chickens with Irish yarn-spinner Owen O'Neill tonight at 9.30pm; and Battersea Arts Centre cramming in the mega brash Jenny Eclair (mid-week), boyishly shambolic Tim Vine and zillions more. KATE BASSETT

Hen and Chickens 109 St Punl's Road, NI (0171-704 2001); London, Carpenters Mews, North Road, N7 (0171-609 1800); Battersea Arts Centre, Lavender Hill, SWII (0171-223 2223).

Hampstead Clinic: Camp Rambling and the World of Beige With Lenny Beige and Graham Norton. Hampstead Clinic at G.E. Aldwinkles, Corner Fleet Road and Pond Street, NW3 (0171-485

2112). Tonight, 9pm; £4.

spread over two days. A sell-out for weeks before, it was beamed live to the

Heaven nightclub at Charing Cross.

Before the talk he answered questions.

Jongleurs Camden Phil Davey, Matt Welcome and Fred MacAuley. Mickey Hutton

MCs. Jongleurs Comedy Camden Lock, Chalk Farm Road, NW1 (0171-924 2766), Tonight, 7.15pm and 11.15pm; £10, cones £7.

lo Brand More from the celebrity Purcell Room, ... South Bank Centre, SEI (0171-960 4242). Tonight, Spm

Screaming Blue Murder Ben Norris MCs for Phill Jupitas playing an extended set, plus Paul Tonkinson. Battersea Arts Centre. Lavender Hill, SW11 (0171-223 2223). Tonight, 10.15pm; E6. concs E5.

Tut 'n' Shive New Sunday night, this week featuring Martin Pickles and Kat Nilson. Tut and Shive, 1 Upper Street, NI (0171-359 7719). Tomorrow, 8.45pm; £4, concs £3.

Up the Creek Rumours of a special guest, alongside Otis Cannelloni, Paul Tonkinson and the Man with the Beard (tonight, 9pm; £12, concs £8). Tomorrow, the lineup includes Al Murray, Malcolm Hardee, Boothby Graffoe and the Bastard Son of Tommy Cooper (9pm; £6, concs £4). Up the Creek, Creek Road, SE10 (0181-858 4581).

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BRIGHTON Terry Garoghan Sings Brighton, Hove and Surrounding Areas Extra show date. Concorde, Madeira Drive (01273 606460). Tonight, 8pm; £7, concs E6.

CHESTER Alexander's Comedy Club With hero of all men, Mr Alexander's Jazz Cafe Bar, Rufus Court (01244 340 005/313 400). Tonight, 8.30pm; £5.

EDINBURGH The Stand at Moseow With Jane Mackay, Mark Dolan and Elvis McGinty. 6 South St David Street (0131-556 6375). Tonight, 9pm; E5, concs E4.

MANCHESTER Frog and Bucket Comedy Martin Bigpig, Roger Monkhouse and Gordon Southern. . . The Frog and Bucket Comedy Club and Theatre, Oldham Street (0161-236) New End, 9805). Tonight, 8.30pm; £4. NOTTINGHAM

Edinburgh preview slot featuring Phill Jupitas. Old Vic, Fletchergate (0115 953 7755). Tomorrow, 9pm; £5,

Just the Tonic

THEATRE

ELONDON The Aspern Papers Michael Redgrave's slightly old-fashioned version of the Henry James tale of literary skulduggery. With Hannah Gordon, Daniel J. Travanti, Moira Lister. Wyndhams,

Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1736). Today, 5pm and 8.15pm.

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THE LIGHTS

Howard Korder's brilliant if sobering comedy is the last at the Royal Court before redevelopment begins and the company moves temporarily to the West End. That gives Ian Rickson's production a special edge, for it occurs in an already topsy-turvy the-atre, with actors playing from ramshackle-looking balconies to an audience sitting where the stage once was. Just to add to the symbolism, the play involves the disintegration of a New York in which mad bag-ladies beg for the money to fly to Venus, thugs menace anyone brave enough to look in their vague direction, and the protagonists, a fragile shopgirl and her cowed boyfriend, end up half-destroyed by the intensity of it all.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE Royal Court, Sloane Square, SWI (0171-730 1745). Tonight, 7.30pm; mat, 3.30pm.



Chichester: Leo McKern

Paint Your Wagon First London revival of the Lerner and Loewe musical since 1953. Tony Selby in the Lee Marvin role, so how will he sing Wandrin' Star? Ian Talbot directs. Open Air, Regent's Park, NWI (0171-486 2431). Tonight, 8pm; mat, 2.30pm. In rep.

The Yellow Wallpaper Patricia Boyer and Tobias Burns in a stage adaptation of this remarkable 1890 novel by Charlotte Perkins Gilman. tracing a wife's journey into madness. Directed by Judith Roberts. 27 New End, Hampstead, NW3 (0171-794 0022). Tonight, Spm; mat tomorrow, 4pm.

BRIGHTON Fools Rush In Dennis Waterman, Gerald Harper and Moray Watson

star with master comedian

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Eric Sykes in Francis Veber's hilarious comedy. Adapted and directed by Ray Cooney. Theatre Royal, New Road (01273 328 488). Tonight, 7.45pm; met, 4pm.

CHICHESTER When We Are Married Dawn French, Leo . McKern, Dora Bryan, Shirley Anne Field, Alison Steadman head a splendid cast for Priestley's evergreen social comedy. Oaklands Park (01243 781

312). In preview; tonight 7.30pm; mat, 2.30pm.

FAIRS SHOWS

LONDON Fantasm 1996 Film fest celebrating the genre of science fiction and fantasy. National Film Theatre.

South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 3232). Today, ends tomorrow, times vary; phone for Thai Food Festival

Demonstrations and stalls selling traditional foods. Battersea Park, Bandstand area, SWII (0171-352 7534). Tomorrow. 10am-dark; free.

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RRIDESWELL Celtie Festival Music and dance workshops, a pageant, historical talks, plus a bonfire party. O'Connell's and various venues (00353 902 88140). Today, workshops 10am-12.30pm, 1.30-4pm, bonfire 9pm; tomorrow, pageant lpm; workshops £3-£5, other events free but donations appreciated.

CARDIFF Cardiff Summer Festival '96 Large-scale entertainment with music, comedy, circus acts, a carnival and street performers. Cardiff Summer Festival, (01222 871 922). Today,

tomorrow, times vary; phone for details. GALWAY Galway Arts Festival Last weekend to visit the large-scale arts festival this weekend, including the Big Day Out tomorrow, and and Radiohead. Various venues

(00353 915 83800/561516). Today, tomorrow, llam-late; Big Day Out: doors open tomorrow, 1.30pm; free daytime events; Big Day Out: £20, £18 concs.

LIVERPOOL Summer in the City '96 Summer sounds, poetry, stalls and games for the family. Bluecoat Arts Centre, Bluecoat Chambers. School Lane (0151-709 5297). Today, tomorrow, times

vary; phone for details.

LOUTH Louth Masic Festival Including live musicians, performers and exhibitions. Louth Music Festival, various venues (01507 609 239). Ends today, phone for

STOCKTON-ON-TEES Stockton Riverside International Festival Pyrotechnics and gothic acrobatics in Sacred of Horrors and bigtop comedy with Fred MacAuley." Various venues (01642 611 625). Today, tomorrow. Spm-late; prices vary, phone for details.

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The attraction of Buddhism

Ruth Gledhill hears the Dalai Lama speak on the four noble truths



AS I SAT among red, white and saffron-robed monks at the Barbican Centre to hear the Dalai Lama speak on the four noble truths of Buddhism, the talk around me was faintly disap-

pointing. I could hear no discussion along the lines of: "I've really been helped here on the path to enlighten-ment, "or "at last I feel I understand why there is suffering in the world". Instead, it was: "Look, there's John Cleese at the front," or, "was that Joanna Lumley in that hat and dark glasses?"

To be fair, such talk did not emanat from the monks, who seemed dazed to be in the presence of the living reincarnation of Chenrezig, the Buddha of Compassion, talking for the first time in the West on the spiritual principles at the heart of Buddhism. One monk confessed to me he felt so overwhelmed he could recall almost nothing of what he had heard. The celebrity spotters were rather the long-haired, thirty-something men and women who looked as though they had been born too late to enjoy the 1960s and had been trying to make up for it ever since. My own generation, in fact.

Most eastern religions, including Orthodox Christianity, are enjoying a resurgence in the West, but Buddhism is proving the most popular. Hundreds of young British adults, disillusioned with what is on offer in the established churches, are seeking serenity in the more overtly mystical and meditational approach of Buddhism. His Holiness

Tenzin Gyatso, the 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet, was in Britain this month at the invitation of the Network of Buddhist Organisations, founded to 1993 and already comprising 40 groups of Bud-

dhists from different traditions.

The Dalai Lama, calm, untroubled and smiling, sat cross-legged on a simple wooden armchair beneath a cloth drape, or tankha, which depicted Buddha, the Indian prince born in the sixth century BC, who, after nearly starving himself to death, rejected extreme ascetism and finally achieved enlightenment by

meditating.

I was there for the last of four sessions

AT YOUR SERVICE

★ A five-star guide ★ SPEAKER: the Dalai Lama.

ARCHITECTURE: Europe's biggest arts centre, opened in 1983. This visit to the Barbican was the only time I have not been made miserable by static electric shocks from the carpet. It must have been something to do with the karma. TALKS: mystifying and mystical.

AFTER-SERVICE CARE: food and drinks on sale at the Barbican, plus stands selling and giving away pius sizirus sening and griffig away Buddhist souvenirs, information about the Dalai Lama's homeland, Tibet, and details of the burgeoning numbers of Buddhist organisations in Britain.

SPIRITUAL HIGH: enlightening.

"How can we help sceptical, scientific friends to benefit from dharma (Bud-dhist teaching)?" Speaking through an interpreter, he said: "The best thing for individuals approaching Buddhism is for them to adapt what is most suitable and beneficial to have, and to leave the rest." Take what you want and leave the rest. I couldn't imagine a bishop saying this. I began to understand the attraction of Buddhism as opposed to Christianity. The four noble truths are that suffer-ing is universal, that it is caused by misplaced cravings and values, that it is

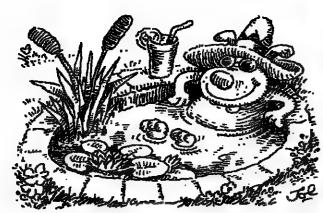
possible for suffering to cease and that there is a solution. He talked about the importance of emptiness. An under-standing of emptiness would liberate an individual from any feeling of nihilism, he said. The aim of all Buddhists must be to empty themselves of greed and grasping desire, the root of all suffering. After the talk there was an "initiation". or blessing. Everyone read a prayer translated from Tibetan which ended: "As long as space endures, and as long as sentient beings remain, may I, too, abide, to dispel the miseries of the world." Cups of "blessed" water were passed round "to symbolically cleanse the mind" and we returned to the material world, richer by far, but not as our friends might understand it.

The Network of Buddhist Organisations, The Old Courthouse, 43 Renfrew Road, London SEII 4NA. (0171-582 5797).

PETS

A Vet Writes...

Hot dogs don't relish the sun



unimer sunshine is wonderful, although we are told to take it in small doses and protect ourselves with sun creams. I don't know how W. G. Grace survived in the days when white facial war-paint was not part of cricketing dress. But consider the effect on your pet.

Dogs can die in parked cars when the air temperature rises above 37C. Dogs don't perspire much. They sweat between their toes and from the tip of the tongue, but most canine temperature regulation involves panting — the blow-ing out of hot air and the inhalation of cooler air.

Normal body temperature is 38.5C and, when exhaled air is replaced by "fresh" air that is only a degree or so cooler. the dog starts to overheat. When his body temperature reaches 40C he is in trouble. At 43C he is dead — cooked alive. This is an emotive phrase but

I'll never forget a post mortem examination which I carried out on a boxer dog shortly after he was pulled out of a parked car. His temperature was so high that it pushed the mercury off the top of the thermometer — 44C plus. The inside of his abdomen was hotter than I could bear to touch with a rubber-gloved hand. This shouldn't happen to any dog. Leave him at home when there's a heatwave. Ignore his reproachful looks. He'll give you an ecstatic

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First aid for heat stroke must be immediate. Get the dog's temperature down by turning a hosepipe on him, or putting him in a pond, stream or horse trough. (Head above water, of course.) And then take him to the vet.

Metal cages for hamsters and other furry pets become ovens if they are left on a window ledge in the sun. As with so many other things in this life, position is everything. All cages — for a mouse, hamster, mynah bird or whatever - should be in the shade.

hite skins exposed to bright light can become acutely inflamed. It's called photosensitisation. White-eared cats can suffer, so make sure that you use sun creams to protect

A few black and white - or red and white -- cattle develop a severe reaction on their unpigmented areas. Covering a cow would use up several gallons of sun cream. so farmers make sure that susceptible cattle stay out of the midday sun.

Pigs living out of doors may suffer from sunburn, but if they are given a wet hole to wallow in, the subsequent thick coating of mud is better than any manmade cream.

JAMES ALLCOCK



Michelle and Brook Klepper with Pongo, father to 13 of the family's 18 rats, and two of his relatives. The rodents get lonely if left alone for long

He's a rat but I love him

t is April 21, 1995; my son Brook's eighth birthday. He wants a snake or a rodent. I plump for the latter as the lesser of two evils.

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Mr Pet Shop Owner: "Yes .. a nat would be a good choice ... doesn't smell" (Umm?) "... more intelligent than cats, dogs, horses ... doesn't bite" (I've heard that one before) "and lives longer than hamsters, mice" (not Michelle Klepper, reluctant rodent owner, says these affectionate creatures are better company than men

necessarily a plus). I translate his words to mean he has an abundance of the furry flends and is selling them off at knock-down prices — only £3.

I eye their tails and shudder; the fabled farmer's wife grow-ing in my esteem. Brook

chooses a startled-looking brown and white hooded rat which he duly names Splinter (after a Ninja rat in Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles, of course). I wonder at the sense of being Ninja while possessing teeth as sharp as razors, but I don't put this to Brook.

In the pet shop I take a sneak preview of a book called Rats by Susan Fox (T. F. H. Publications, £5.95). One housing suggestion is a glass tank with a top made from thick wire mesh, secured to a wooden frame. We head home, via the DIY store with a 3ft fish tank and other accessories for a happy rat, such as wooden ladders, swing ropes and tasty treats. Now I understand why rats only cost £3 - the whole

bill tops £50. I read the book. It was to be my downfall: if only it had been the one written by James Herbert, things might have been different. Rats, it seems, get lonely if left alone for long periods. I enter my son's room while he's at school and stare at Splinter. Splinter stares back. He doesn't look quite so can't see his tail.

April 23, 1995: back to the pet shop. A friend for Splinter, another male named Pongo, joins the household. Family

June 2: Splinter is unwell. I wonder if there has been a mistake, his bits look different to Pongo's. "No," the vet reassures me, "Splinter is male but his sexual organs are deformed — a bit like a eunuch." Vet gives Splinter an

injection for bronchitis. Next day Splinter gives birth to 13 babies. I change our vet.

Pongo and Splinter have to part. Splinter rears the babies (they're called kittens). Pongo is lonely. When Brook is at school I take pity and sit him on my shoulder, where he grunts sweet nothings into my ear. The washing-up becomes less boring somehow.

stays on my shoulder. People get a shock when I answer the door. On warm days he has a run in a secluded park, if he is frightened he bounds back to

RAT FACTS

■ The National Fancy Rat Society offers advice on keeping rats. Send an SAE to the NFRS at 4 Mayfair Court, Barn Hall Avenue

Colchester, Essex. Rats cost between £2 and £8. To find breeders write, with an SAE, to the NFRS Kitten Register, 5 Dorville Road, London SEIZ SED.

Weil's disease can be caught from wild rats. The likelihood of catching it from pet rats, however, is minimal. Make sure wiring is well covered as rats computer and telephone wires, which could prove expensive.

me and runs straight up my body. A love affair has begun. A year on we have 18 rats. You can't bond the same as with one or two but they all like a rub around the ears and will groom your hands as affecnonately as they groom each other, cleaning under your

finger nails with their teeth.

We have never been bitten.

The only drawback is that the

maies develop a pungent Besides mixed cereal, they need to have some salad a couple of times a week and appreciated - preferably unsaited. They love a sweet treat (the girls, especially) but these should be given sparingly because they are, of course,

bad for teeth and rats can become addicted to sugar. If you give them your time rats have good memories and can be given puzzies and mazes to complete. They can also be taught symbols and colours. For example, my "girls" have eaten an escape route from the wooden hutchlike home that I was trying out. I know they come and go freely from the hutch but when I let the "boys" out (on alternate days) I make sure the hole is secured. The girls try to hide the hole from me with toys, brie-a-brac and their bodies, but only when it's not their

turn for an outing. These creatures are intelligent, affectionate, loyal and lively companions and far removed from the aggressive rats responsible for the Black Death in the early 14th century. I'm sorry I ever doubted you Mr Pet Shop Owner. If only I could find a human partner with all

Feather Report

ANTHONY UPTON

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Notes of summer in the woods

IT IS VERY quiet in the woods on a hot July day. One day last week, I was walking along a sunny ride past flow-ering brambles, and I could hear nothing but a few coal tits making sharp calls in the shady hornbeams and firs around me. A young green woodpecker flew up and dipped along the ride ahead of me, then turned into the trees, and a moment later another followed it. They had probably been sunbathing together, and I could tell that they were young birds because they had green backs. not the brilliant gold blob of their parents. They kept on flying in and out of the trees ahead of me after that, but were quite silent.

AFTER A WHILE a chiffchaff started singing, and suddenly I heard a typical July sound — the piping of a family of builfinches. The parents have a soft piping note, while the young birds have a louder, creakier one. The wood fell silent again. But there was something else - the butterflies. The brambles were alive with them. Dark brown ringlets were flitting restlessly over the bushes and the grass. Gate-keepers, with their brownframed orange wings, were feeding on the flowers, and a ragged-looking comma but-terfly settled among them.

But I was looking out for a rarer species that I knew was found in this wood — a white admiral. Suddenly there was a glint of silver in the air and one shot by me, then swooped up into the shadow of the trees. I waited patiently.

AT LAST I saw that flicker of silver just above the brambles — and a white admiral landed on a flower. I could see the 🗳 silver-white bar on the large chocolate wings, and, as it closed them, the cream and orange undersides. Then I heard the bullfinches again. male with three of his brown young. I think piping bullfinches and the white admiral will be inseparable in my memory from now on.

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Don't mess with my nosebag

"WHY DOES MY horse attack me when I bring food to her?" This is one of the hundreds of questions about equine behaviour answered in Why does my horse... by Paul McGreevy, a riding instructor, vet and behavioural scientist (Souvenir Press, El5.99). The main point of McGreevy's answer is that once food arrives at the spot where it is normally consumed, the horse regards the food as its property. "This is why food aggression peaks as the human holding the food approaches the manger." The book suggests offering food in a bucket.

One dog will do

OF THE 5.4 million households in Britain that have a dog, 80 per cent have only one. The most popular breed is the Yorkshire terrier, followed by German shepherds, labradors, retrievers, cocker spaniels and West Highland white terriers. Sales of prepared pet foods clocked up £1.309 million in 1995. Dog foods accounted for E534 million and treats another E87

Rabbit walkies

PAM JAMESON, writing in this month's Pet Business World, says that rabbits are now Britain's fourth most popular pet, neck and neck with budgerigars and just behind cats, dogs and fish. You can tell it's true because

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qualities.

gizmos for them are beginning to appear in the shops. Ancol Pet Products makes velvet harnesses (£4.39) so rabbits can be taken for a walk. Can you be the first to report a sighting to Pet News, with a photograph?

Business scents

MAN'S BEST friend? Eddie Thompson's terrier, Rex, appears to qualify - having developed a nose for



Yorkshire terrier: British favourite

sniffing out lost money. Without any training Rex has taken to tracking coins and notes and this year is well on his way to beating last year's record of £30. He does this on his normal daily walk in the market town of Rothbury, Northumberland. A tip for dog owners who fancy their chances -- the local car park is a profitable hunting ground.

Food for thought

EVER read the ingredients list on your pets tinned food? The label on one brand which my cats like tells me: Meat and animal derivatives. Minerals and various sugars. Moisture 84.5 per cent." This leaves me largely in the dark and Pet News will be finding out what it all means. Experts tell me that for "moisture" read "water".

Hedgehog tales

ECOLOGIST Hugh Warwick is collecting anecdotes about hedgehogs.
Write to him at 46 Raymers Lane.
Oxford OX4 3LB, particularly if you know of an area where they have been accused of stealing birds' eggs.

Holiday help

WORRIED about your pet when you go on holiday? Send an SAE to the PDSA Public Relations Department at Whitechapel Way, Priorslee, Telford, Shropshire TF2 9PQ, for a copy of the leaflet Pets and Holidays.

Animal crackers

PET OWNERS need little encouragement to praise their animals, Arrival Press expects a fat postbag
after asking for poems for an anthology
on animals. Send no more than two poems, of a maximim 30 lines each, to Walk on the Wild Side, l Wainman Road, Peterborough PE27BU before August 31.

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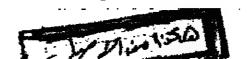
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Gone with the wind up the Amazon

met a wise old man as I sailed along the Amazon. He claimed that a faultless ship had not yet been built. But he then pointed out that his statement was greatly flawed as we both appeared to be sailing in one. It was the MV Silver Wind — a simple little floating palace out of Monte Carlo which accommodates 296 guests and 196 crew to tend to their every need.

The ship, charming though she is, paled into insignificance for the first few days as the brain attempted to adjust to the sights which confronted it. It was not the Opera House itself - the Teatro Amazonas - at Manaus that was fantastic, rather its setting in a grubby industrial town in the rainforest 2,000 miles up the Amazon.

You wonder what imagination. force of will, folie de grandeur and wealth caused this piece of 19th century Italy, with its marbled interior and Venetian chandeliers, to be built in the middle of nowhere

100 years ago this year. But it is at the docks that Manaus comes into its own - these are the huge floating variety built to cope with fluctuations of the water level and to accommodate rowing boats as easily as cruisers. The adjective teeming must have been invented for these. Boats, ships, lorries, people, stalls, bars, cafés, hoodlums, babies and dogs - they are all here.

in this heightened state of unreality you board the ship to head upstream for Anavilhanas, an archipelago of more than 400 islands just 26 nautical miles away. The sense of the fantastic continues the following morning when you step onto your veranda and find yourself in the middle of a vast, still, black sea rather than the fast-flowing river from the night before. But you are still on a river, the huge Rio Negro (its liquorice tone comes from the iron content of the soil).

Later you transfer to a much smaller boat for a foray along some of the river's tributaries. The reward is sightings of eagles, hawks, vultures galore, herons with blue beaks and huge iridescent butterflies the size of saucers and the back end of an alligator diving for cover.

has been prepared just a tender ride away. When you step off the tender



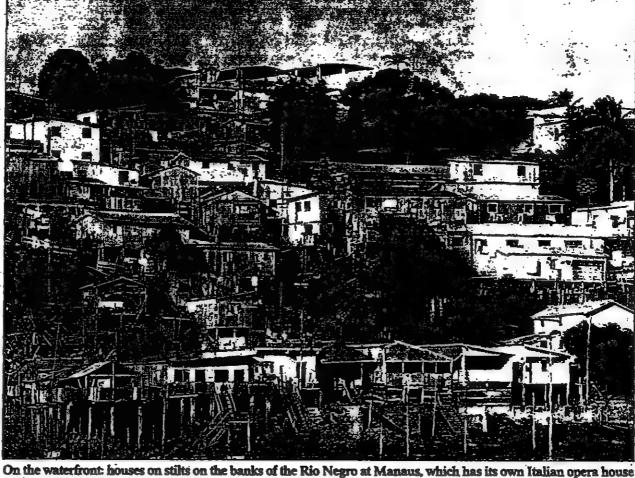
SILVER WIND FACT FILE

sail the Mediterranean, the Baltic, the Caribbean, Chir Indonesia, southeast Asia, South America, around Britain, Africa and the Orinoco as well as the Amazon. Prices from £2.710 for a seven-day Mediterranean cruise. The Amazon cruise costs from £3,745 including The Silversen Programme is available from leading travel agents or direct from Silverses 77/79 Great Eastern Street, London EC 2A 3HU (0171-729.1929).

on to the sand to the rhythms of a samba band, you realise that the crew has transferred an entire dining room to the beach. Here are tables covered with white linen and napkins. The reflection of the flickering candles is caught in the fine

china, silver and crystal. The evening ends with a canoe ride along more tributaries surrounded by the fierce night sounds of the forest. Every so often a hapless cayman would be stupified by the boatman's torch, its, staring, crimson eyes giving the game away. From here we sailed down the river through forests, past tiny hamlets of houses on stilts cheek by jowl with satellite dishes, alongside decaying towns and thriving cities, across the equator and through water that changes from black to brown to green to blue.

Each day we dock at places like Parintins - a small town on the southern shore - another day it is Santarem, which shot to fame in the Twenties when Henry Ford decided to create a modern city, Fordilandia. This failed spectacularly and the place reverted to old-style Portuguese with its crumbling cathedral and huge market squares. Then we



passage through almost 1,000 is-lands with equatorial forest on both banks, so close in parts that you could almost reach out and touch it.

s the ship approached each. village, men, women and children jumped into small canoes and paddled furiously alongside calling and ulu-lating to the passengers. The crew collected unwanted clothing from passengers which along with food was tied into plastic sacks and thrown off the ship for the followers.

Amazon basin and for the best part of the day we journeyed through pure Mission territory before hitting the open sea and heading north to the tainted beauty of Devil's Island and home via Barbados.

All the time the Silver Wind cosseted its charges with exquisite food, delicious wines, cocktail parties, lectures, bridge visits, winetastings, exercise classes and nightly entertainment.

The ship's theme is unashamed luxury. And, as in most areas of life, the atmosphere emanates from its leader - in this case Captain Antonio Di Palma, an Italian

was invaluable on our last night on board. A passenger suffered a heart attack and, as if Pegasus had been transmogrified into a sailor, Di Palma went into action. The ship hardly touched the waves as we docked in Barbados four hours

By the way my wise old friend was right. The ship has yet to be built that you cannot fault. The Silver Wind has two failings - you have to leave it, and the coffee is lousy.



The adventure a gapyear student worker will never forget



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Rolling into Rio with the super-rich

nly a handful of ports around the world, when seen from the sea, are so spectacular that they take your breath away. A cruise from Cape Town to Rio de Janeiro and on to New York, three of the most exciting examples of such places, promised to be a memorable experience.

I flew to Cape Town to meet the ship, and I can only quote Sir Francis Drake's reaction to this tip of the African continent. It is the fairest Cape in all the circumference of the earth," he said.

Standing on the cliffs at Cape Point, the Indian Ocean on my left, the Atlantic on my right, and realising, as I looked south, that there was nothing land between me and the South Pole except sea and solid ice, was an ethereal experience. In the waters below, seals and penguins

shared a playground. When the QE2 arrived on schedule, it had been on its world cruise from Southampton for three months -- America, the Caribbean, through the Panama Canal to Honolulu, Japan, Hong Kong, Australia, Singapore and India before reaching the East African coast and heading down to Cape Town. Four hundred of the more than 1,000 passengers started the cruise in Southampton or New York but others, like me, joined the ship for just part of it.

During my short stay in

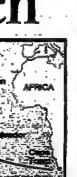
Cape Town I took the cable car



ride to the top of Table Mountain for the marvellous panoramic views. But the best view is not from the mountain, it is of the mountain. I had that from the stern as we set sail across the south Atlantic on the 3,000-mile leg to Rio de Janeiro. The vast, flat top of Table Mountain dominates Cape Town and when cloud drapes the summit it seems to cascade down the mountain like cream over a pudding. It is an unforgettable sight from a

self-indulgence. Trouble starts at 6am when the Pavilion bar at the stern serves croissants and Danish pastries with coffee. After a gentle stroll round the deck, it is time for a formal breakfast in the restaurant or - my preference - self service in the Lido, though there is a wimp's corner for fresh fruit and muesli.

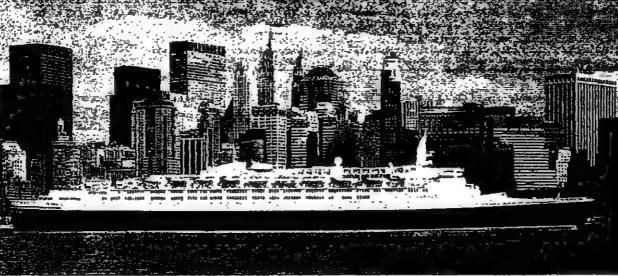
when I always began with



caviar - the kitchens seemed to have an endless supply. Somewhere between meals there are lectures such as Do

mile out to sea. Cruising on the QE2 is total

It seems only reasonable to continue the day in the same style. Coffee and biscuits for elevenses, four-course lunch, sandwiches and cakes at teatime and five courses at dinner



The QE2 sails into New York during its 118-day world cruise which costs between £15,940 and £91,280 per person

Animals Think?, The War of the Waleses — the latest on Princess Di, and intriguingly, Sex, Sensuality and Fat Ladies. There is dancing and the casino is always busy. Many passengers are regulars but even so, it was intriguing to meet a super-rich businessman who had paid £1.3 million for three suites and an

■ The 1996-97 World Cruise of the OE2 sails

penthouse with a balcony at £91,280 per person. There are special prices for connecting cabins to create larger suites. If you pay in full by August 15, there is a 20 per cent discount.

Sectors of the world croise are available at

a range of prices. Eleven nights from Haifa to Southampton costs from £1,995 to £10,515,

fares to point of embarkation are included.

Prices include all on-board food and

entertainment, including lectures and comp training. It does not include drinks or tipe.

Rio appeared over the hori-2011 after five days at sea. At a distance, Copacabana and lpanema beaches were stunning, as was the statue Christ the Redeemer, arms outstretched on Corcovado Peak. Sadly, it is somewhat of an illusion. Close up, Rio is dirty, sleazy and dangerous. Copa-cabana beach is littered with

drug users' needles and there

is a heavy police presence.

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ear until the millermium.

Ipanema beach is split into areas for homosexuals, prostitutes, young girls, surfers and drug users. There is even a recognised stretch for families. The graffiti over public buildings, including churches, so. Given the ship's warnings

is deeply depressing and the drive through filthy back-streets to the railway taking you up Corcovado even more about the dangers of Rio, many passengers, including me, wondered why the QE2

QE2 FACT FILE III Dress is casual, but for most nights at year from Southampton for New York on December 15 and returns 118 days later on April 11. Costs range from £15,940 for an inside cabin to a lummy

Withere is no luggage restriction on board (you can even take your Rolls-Royce with you, if you get an eatra cabin for the chatdleur), but if you are flying to John a sector of the cruise there are the usual weight finalts for aircraft. M Ship currency is US dollars but most

ssengers sign for everything and settle their bill credit card. To information and reservations call 01703 716605 or talk to your local ABTA travel agent.

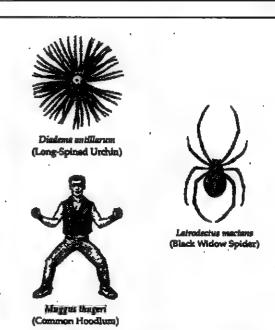
spent nearly two days there. I was relieved to be at sea again. heading north to Salvador and Barbados and the delightful St Thomas where I boarded a seaplane for a spectacular 40minute overview of the British and American Virgin islands. As I flew over Richard Branson's Necker Island I was told that I could rent it for £10,000 a day, as long as I took it for a minimum ten days, Barbra Streisand's Greater St James seemed almost afford-

able at £3,300 a day.

Finally New York and a pale sun glinting in a million Manhattan windows. Famil-iarity never dims what, for me, is the world's most exciting port approach - sailing past the Statue of Liberty and up the Hudson River, past the World Trade Centre and the grandeur of the Empire State Building beyond it. I left the QE2 in Manhattan.

An arrival a week later in dear old Southampton would have been an anti-climax.

JOHN PARRY The author was on the QEZ as a guest lecturer of Cunard.



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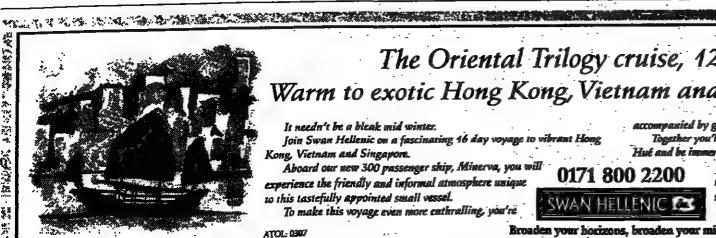
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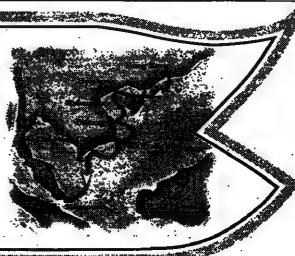
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Tanzania: a student's experiences after volunteering to spend time teaching English in an African village

Gap-year that will last a lifetime

traight out of school and headfirst into the melting pot of mayhem and malaria; from the grey streets of Clapham, south London, to the brightness of the plains of northern Tanzania: from plodding down Sloane Street for part-time work to ascending volcanic Mount Meru at 14,000ft. How unprepared I was, as an 18-year-old student, for the experience of taking a year off to work abroad.

Before the pre-travel meetings at school I was blissfully indifferent to the practicalities of travel insurance, resident permits, vaccinations and the probability of getting malaria, or of being mugged.

Between leaving school and going to Tanzania it was another frustrating three months spent packing boxes two floors underground at Harrods and sending out sponsorship letters. Every day London got colder, and Tanza-

nia more distant. Then, finally, at three o'clock on New Year's Eve morning, Tom, a school friend, and I were at Heathrow airport. Excitedly, we boarded the plane, laden with cigarettes and Big Macs — the last symbols of western luxury we afforded ourselves.

Eleven hours later we stepped out on to the warm Tarmac at Kilimanjaro International Airport. Still bewildered, we were driven away in an old, windowless school bus. The roads were lined with voungsters hurling rocks at passing cars.

We spent the first weeks at a teacher training college, where we learnt some Swahili and

lessons, we spent time in the sun entertaining young Tanzanians with a guitar or playing football. They made it easy for us to become accustomed to our new surroundings.

In particular, there was a four-year-old named Kababa, who walked five kilometres to us every day, dressed in his Oxfam tweeds, covered in mud, with an incessantly runny nose and demanding a game of football. At nightfall, a much embarrassed father would arrive to drag him away. It was not long before I realised why the Swahili ex-pression Hamna shida ("No problem") is used so often.

After two weeks Tom and I ere allocated to teach English for nine months at Nronga village in Kilimanjaro's foothills, where no white man had ever lived before.

Tanzanian villages exude a sense of friendliness and charm, in contrast to the threatening atmosphere of many of Africa's towns. Though lacking every element of wealth and material value, the people of Nronga went happily about their business. We arrived there in the back

of a pick-up, driven along a single, winding, rugged track which led for miles over the vast Masai Steppe. Children ran after us shouting and waving: they wanted to touch something they had only ever heard of or seen in pictures.

The welcome was over-whelming, and the villagers proudly gave us one of the few stone houses to live in. It had a bio-gas cooker, infrequent electricity and water supplies,



Mount Kilimanjaro dominates the plains and wildlife of northern Tanzania, where William Gilroy, a gap-year student, spent nine months teaching at Nronga village

abode, the envy of many Tanzanian housewives

We were not without pets. A cow stalled adjacent to the kitchen provided the bio-gas. Her mooing was drowned out only by the screeching of bushbabies tap-dancing on our corrugated iron roof interrupted only if one accidentally fell on to the village's power lines. This "short" would black out the village for up to a month. And without lights, it was harder to catch any of the multitude of rats that lived in our roof.

The location of the house was stunning; nestling among banana trees, it had dazzling views of Kibo, the snowcapped peak of Africa's highest mountain, and the green and grey gorges hewn from its and a lavatory — a luxurious

slopes that weave down to the dusty plains.

Every morning we would check the rat damage and then set off to the school. We'd pass the daily slaughter; a cow tied down on a slab having its throat cut with a rusty knife.

ur displeasure at the sight amused the locals, who would ask us about the planet we'd come from. Their generosity, however. was unrelenting and we were constantly given gifts of curdled milk or banana beer.

We taught English to Forms 1-3 (ages 13-23), learnt Swahili, taught the guitar at the church, and supervised chores, from fetching water to collecting rocks. The rocks

were to be used to build a girls' dormitory, replacing a rundown, wooden hostel two miles from the school. All students were, and probably still are, sleeping and living in squalid and cold conditions. with no light or water and

sharing up to three to a bed. Fortunately, the £1,300 Tom and I had raised in sponsorship in England was sufficient to cover the building expenses for a dormitory for 200 girls and to give a bonus to the staff. many of whom earned less than £15 a month. They instantly attributed this gift to divine intervention, and theire relief was easy to see; now they could feed their families for the foreseeable future.

Our most exciting challenge, however, was to take a

group of students up Mount Meru, Tanzania's second highest mountain. We set off with unjustified faith in our guide, who carried a 1909 German rifle. Wary of the near presence of elephant, giraffe and, most dangerously, buffalo, we trudged on towards the dormant volcanic summit, which stood above

the clouds. After two days' walking, our supplies of glucose biscuits and baked beans were finished, and the guide left us just as we were scaling the final stretch of black volcanic ash. As the sun began to rise behind Kilimaniaro, we had been walking upwards for seven hours in near pitch

peak, and the stunning panoramic views across Tanzania and north towards Kenya were a reward for our efforts.

Coming home was much the hardest part of all. Tom and I both felt guilty in that we were so easily escaping the hardships that our good friends regarded as part of their daily lives. My only hope is that at least they learnt something from our time there.

As one of our Tanzanian teacher colleagues said as he bade us farewell after nine our months together: "Bwana, Tumeona maisha yako na wewe umeona maisha yetu". which roughly translates as "Sir, we've both now seen how

WILLIAM GILROY

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₩ William Gilroy travelled to Tanzania with the Schools Partnership Worldwide (SPW), a charity based at Westminster School, 17 Dean's Yard London SWIP 3PB (0171-222 0138) and run there by James Cogan.

The charity arranges teaching secondments to government secondary schools in Nepal, Zimbaby and Nambia and Uganda, as well as in Tanzania. Membership of the charity is open to schools and

SPW organises a series of briefings for students going abroad in the months



before they travel; it organises flights and, when relevant, language and teacher-training courses, before sending the students, in twos, to the area where they will be

All SPW oversons postings are conditional on the transfer of £750 per person sponsorship money from UK member schools. This is transferred to the overseas programme and funds the students' wages while working about ESO a month) and also micro development projects. Applicants from raise their own

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■ The general costs of participating students are approximately: air fare £470; insurance £15 a month; language, teacher-training and safari to the Serengeti on £55.

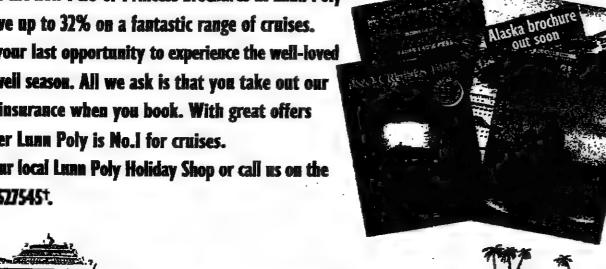
All SPWERE encouraged to raise funds for the overseas projects to supplement their sponsorship ey — Mr Gilroy raised £1,300 to help build a girls' dormitory at Nronga.

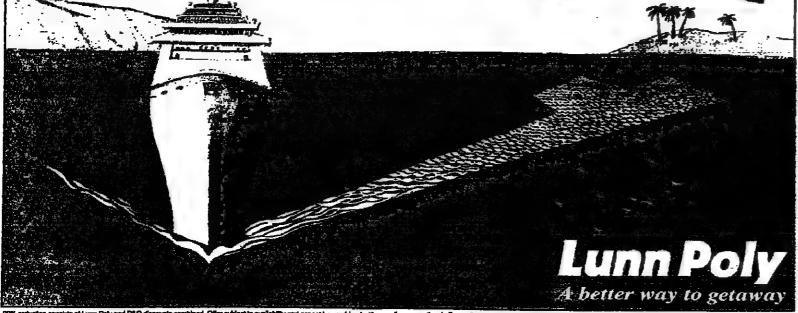
■ While they are teaching at a school, the students' Holiday travel to Zimbabwe Malawi, Zambia and Mozambique cost Mr Gilroy about £400 on top of his

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Where the gap-year student can get help

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Europe: the trials of triangular travel routes; where to unwind in Paris plus worldwide travel tips

When Florence is just too far

day in August one week near Toulouse in the south west of France and one in Tuscany, not far from Florence. How shall we go road, air or rail? It sounds a simple enough question of balancing comfort and time against relative costs, but just think about it.

Take the road option first Comfort guaranteed if you like driving and have a depend-able car. London-Toulouse-Florence-London roughly forms an equilateral triangle 700-800 miles each way. If

you are bent on saving time and money, you could do a stretch in a single day, but most of us would prefer a onenight stop en route. You should assume that six days of your fortnight will be consumed with travel - but congenially enough if you stay at a decent hotel.

Allow £100 a night for dinner, bed and breakfast for two — £300 all in. Le Shuttle return fare is £129 and then there's petrol (more expensive on the Continent) autoroute and autostrada charges. The AA provided me with approximate figures: £200 for toll charges, £300 for petrol. And then you need to add something for depreciation, wear and tear, road tax etc - not 74p per mile which MPs can charge, but half that figure for a medium-size car doing, say, 10.000 miles a year. On a 2,000-mile journey that adds on £760. Grand total: £1,689.

The air equation is simpler but equally punishing to the

bank account. Most of us on holiday hope to get an Apex or Pex fare, reducing the stan-dard return fare London to Toulouse from around £388 to £144. Unfortunately, these dis-counted fares are only available on straight there and-

back not triangular journeys. Another snag: you can't fly direct from Toulouse to Florence, but must change in Paris. A through fare — London-Toulouse-Paris-Florence-London - will cost £975

Weaving through the Eurotunnel labyrinth creates its own

wear and tear person. Hiring a Peugeot

106 in France costs £199 a week; a similar car in Italy would be an additional £214. Total outlay for the fortnight: £2,363, excluding petrol.

So, if the road and air options are so expensive, how about rail? Now you hit a different obstacle. The AA helped me work out the cost of road travel, my regular travel agents spelt out the air tariffs, but for Eurorail I was on my own, and in a world straight out of Kafka.

The Continental Rail Enquiries number — 0171-834-2345 was permanently engaged. In

Dog sledging, normally found only in Alaska and Canada, is on offer at Natters, near Innsbruck in Austria,

this winter. Hannes Gasser, who owns the Natters camp, has

raced in Canada and Alaska, where he also owns a husky

camp. The price of ASi00 (about £6), half price for children

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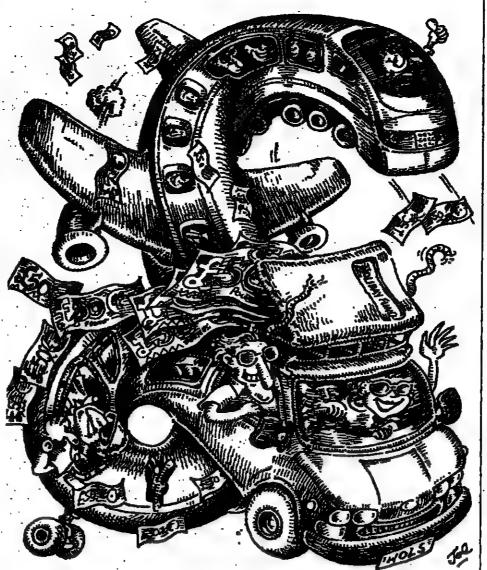
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pared to stand in a queue. It turned out that there were two queues. For the important one, where you can actually pur-chase tickets, you are given a number, as in a supermarket delicatessen, which, on my visit, would have called me to a counter "in not less than half an hour, but it could well be an hour". First, however, I had to join another queue which would give me essential information about times and prices. Twenty minutes later I reached the head of queue two.

My questions about London to Toulouse and Florence to London were readily answered. London by Eurostan to Paris and on by TGV to Toulouse would cost £222 for the pair of us, second class, Florence-Paris travelling firstclass with a sleeper (second-class sleepers can be hell on wheels in August) for the Florence-Paris section came to £272, with a further £118 for two second-class tickets Eurostar back to London. But. maddeningly, they could tell me nothing about trains from Toulouse to Florence, I was told to ring that hopeless 0171-834 2345 or else fax my inquiry. Five days later I got a fax in return, asking for £5 in would attend to my inquiry, and if I didn't make a booking

I would forfeit that amount, At that point, I am afraid I threw in the towel. But on the assumption that the price of Toulouse-Florence with a firstclass sleeper would be similar to the £272 Florence-Paris ticket, the total cost would be E884 plus the cost of car hire in



Toulouse and Florence, an additional £413, making a total of £1,297. And that's with the not insignificant aggravation of rail travel in the height

of the summer. Well, you may be surprised to learn that we shan't be

going to Italy this year. We've to fly to Toulouse and back on settled for two weeks in France a discounted deal, changed instead. Weaving through the planes and returned on a Eurotunnel labyrinth creates second discounted ticket to Italy. Reculer pour mieux sauits own wear and tear. But having told our Tuscan friends ter as the French say. "sorry, not on", I realise that the best deal would have been

HILARY RUBINSTEIN

JILL CRAWSHAW'S TRAVEL TIPS

Call of the wildlife code

FRIENDS of Conservation (0171-730 7904), the international conservation agency, is urging travellers to Africa to adhere to their Code of Conduct (available free of charge). The Code lists illegal animal products banned in Britain, including parts of elephants, rhinos, big cats and turtles. A. particular concern is that tourists should not offer safari drivers cash to drive off main routes, "to get a quick picture of a lion or cheetah", thereby disturbing breeding cycles and causing environmental damage. .:

Cover up

WITH THE easing of restrictions on tourist visas, Middle East specialist Jasmin Tours (01628 531121) has seen a significant increase in travel to Iran. They advise however that women visitors should adhere to the Islamic social code by wearing the hejab or

headscarf — the firm includes one with air tickets - and by wearing modest, loose-fitting clothes - "dull-coloured tights with a knee-length skirt and loose jacket will do", although you might prefer to buy a long chador for about £5 on arrival. Jasmin, which has operated in the Middle East since 1990, offers a nine-day itinerary including Teheran, Persepolis. Shiraz and the mosques of Isfahan. The tour costs £892, which includes flights, B&B, excursions and visas.

Sporting spa

HEALTH, beauty and sporting weekends in the strange little Normandy town of Forges-les-Eaux are among the innovations offered by Club Med (0171-225 1066) to British visitors this winter. The town, popularised by Louis XIII and Cardinal Richelieu as a 17th-century spa, regained its dwindling prosperity in 1919 by opening a casino, just 16km beyond the 100km exclusion zone for gambling from Paris.

Forges also made a reputation for its white faience pottery, an art taught by potters from Bristol. Visits to a pottery can be made on threenight all-inclusive Club Med weekends, costing £258 (with-out travel). Special Aquaform and Beauty packages cost from £151 extra.

Matchmaker

IF YOU are in the grip of Olympic fever, Sports Tours (01708 344001) will arrange a foreign tour for your team. from your clubhouse, teams to play against, three nights accommodation and two matches are included in the price, from £89 a person. Holland, Belgium and France are the most popular countries and soccer, rugby and hockey the and Victorian tiles. most popular sports (they've

York break A TWO-NIGHT half-board

taken a ladies' rugby team).

There have been no requests

yet, however, for beach volley-ball and synchronised

break at the YHA's York International Youth Hostel (01904 653147) costing £151 for



The Jorvik Viking Centre

a family room sleeping four (two adults and two children under 14) includes entrance to the Yorkshire Museum, the National Railway Museum, the Jorvik Viking Centre - the Viking age city discovered beneath Coppergate by

18, will enjoy country-house luxury with English china and silver catiery, valet service and free bar. Each tent has a solarheated shower, brass fittings

Rates are not cheap at £235 a night for single occupancy, E355 for two, but includes all meals and laundry, game drives with a naturalist, a visit to Lake Victoria, and bush picnics. Kirawira Camp is the fourth project opened in Tanzania by the Aga Khan-owned Serena Group, and is available from Abercrombie & Kent 0171-730 9600 and Kuoni 01306 743000

Cook's tour

GUARANTEED jobs as chalet reps for the coming ski season are offered by Crystal Holidays (0181-241 5128) for those passing the five-day cookery course they organise between August 12 and 19 in Somerset. The course, for both sexes and costing £180, will include cookery as well as all the social skills needed to run

Just the ticket

challenging airlines with its revamped Caledonian Sleeper Service between London Euston and Scotland. A standard-class super Apex ticket (booked 14 days in advance) costs £34 return. A seven-day Standard Apex ticket to Aberdeen, Inverness or Fort William costs £60 return. The berth, in a two-bedded sleeper, costs £27 each way, including breakfast in bed, making the total cost to Scotland's two main cities E88, and to the other destinations £114.

The great unwinders

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PARIS

A fier a long and dusty day marching the streets of Paris in pursuit of the culture, it is vital to take cocktail hour seriously. The break between sightseeing and dinner is important for whetting the appetite and calming the nerves. Le long drink, as they say here, should take place in the city, but as far from the bustle as possible.

The cafés along the great boulevards are pleasant enough, but do not soothe the weary traveller. Instead, head for some of the newer hotels and cafés with outdoor terraces in the city centre which provide people-watching with-out the discomfort of street life.

The most splendid of these is the Hotel Costes on Rue Saint-Honoré. Two dis-

creet banners the enmark trance between expensive shops and you walk into a dimiy-lit orange corridor with an oriental carpet. This leads into sumptuous little lounges and lob-bies filled with a mixture of curi-

ous Victoriana, Napoleon III sofas, befringed silk chairs and parlour palms. Beyond, in sudden daylight, is the courtyard, reminiscent of

an Italian villa, the walls painted terracotta with pale green windows and balustrades featuring Romanesque statues. Among the potted orange trees, under cream umbrellas lined with red, there are tables where one can order an expensive glass of champagne or a kir.

It is worth nursing this

drink for some time, in order to observe the comings and goings of grand Americans and rich Eurotrash. Last time I wandered in, there were Italians in sharkskin suits with power lapels, dealing and back slapping. At another table, a French girl with excruisite cheekbones filed her nails, awaiting what turned out to be a much older man. Even the waitresses, columns of femininity draped in Gucci dresses, were worth watching. When a mobile phone went off, five people searched their

bags and pockets. The Costes is the only hotel in Paris at the moment for the fashion set and during the shows, people-watching reaches its peak. The hotel was decorated by Jacques Garcia

designer Philippe Starck to create their famous Café Costes in Les Halles.

Starck addicts can take themselves over to Calé Marly for cocktail hour, set in the colonnades of the Louvre overlooking the Pyramid. Again, there is the outdoor setting without traffic. During the day. Cafe Marly is packed with museum-goers, but in the evening, the French and the chic arrive and the place is transformed. There are Starck chairs and long banquettes covered in red with white piping behind the stone balus-trades where kings once paced. Cocktails are 65F, but sharing a bottle of wine for

100F is a better, longer-lasting option. On Mon-day and Wednesday evenings the Louvre opens part of its permauntil 9.45pm, and temporary exhibitions until 10pm, except Tuesday (check as times can vary), so it is possible to spend a civilised, unamong the paint-

pairing to the cafe. Inside, the decor is extraordinary, with red and black walls, a ridiculous chandelier and velvetcovered chairs and sofas.

reeping further afield is the Café Very in the Jardin de Tuileries near the Jeu de Paume. There are four other cafés in the Tuileries, which are little more than ice cream stalls. Café Véry stands out because of its posher chairs and its strange wooden-shuttered pagoda

The best succour is at Café Véry, which does a kir with muscadet for 16F, and Normandy cider for 13F. Opposite are five enormous metal cylinders, which are not portable loos but works by Anthony Caro from the British sculp ture exhibition which has spilt outdoors from the Jeu de Paume.

KATE MUIR

● Hotel Costes, 239 Rue Saint-Honore, 1st, (42 44 50 00). Café Very, Jardin de Tuileries, 1st. (47 03 94 84). Café Marly, 93 Rue de Rivoli, Louvre, 1st (49 26 06 60). A Century of British Sculpture is at the Jou de Paume until Sept 15. (42 60 69 69).

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f garlic be the food of good health — as the experts assure us it is — you should visit St Clar in southwest France. There is some argument as to whether this medieval hillside town is really the garlic capital of Gascony, which the locals like to claim, but no one disputes the awesome production of the plant from the surrounding farms or its prominence in every aspect of

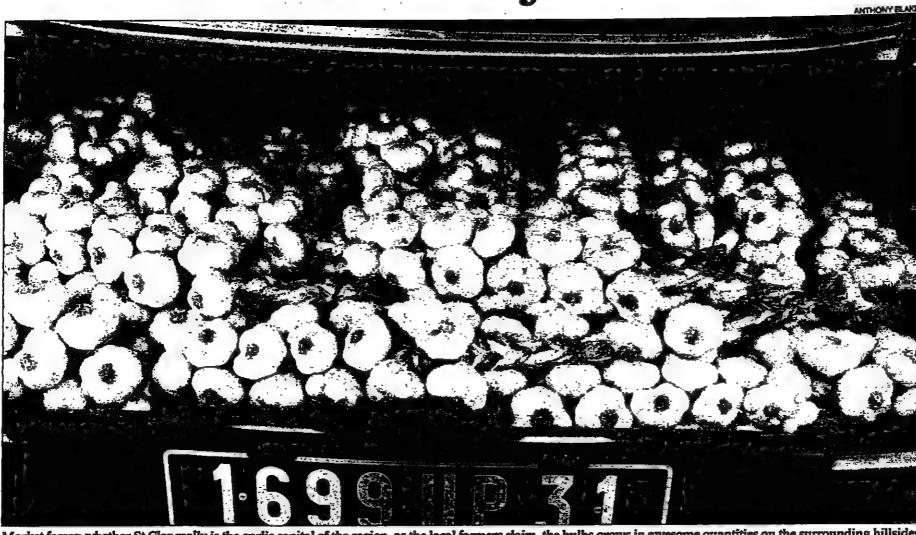
The time to be in St Clar is the last week in August when they hold the garlic festival. It is then that the Place de la Mairie, a splendid 600year-old timber-covered market square, is transformed into a vast banqueting hall. About 1,000 diners scramble for seats at long trestle tables. Tourists are welcome but should arrive early. Gascon hospitality does not extend to courteously holding back from securing the best places.

On one side of the square, the chefs labour over room-sized grills laid across hot ashes. Such is the heat that the men who make the fires wear heavy gloves and face visors, for all the world like workers in a steel foundry.

The opening treat everyone is waiting for is moules à la plaque, mussels and chopped garlic soaked in gallons of rough white wine. Have no inhibitions about accepting second helpings, or third or fourth. This is a banquet in itself. By now the smell and taste of garlic is all-pervading, a constant reminder of the therapeutic qualities of this extraordinary clove, which is said to lower cholesterol and blood pressure and thus reduce the risk of heart disease.

Looking at some of the ancients who are gorging themselves with all the relish of underfed tecnagers, it is not hard to believe the fuller wisdom of those who favour garlic with everything, including breakfast, to ensure a long and happy

The mussels are followed by tuna grilled on a bed of garlic, salade aux croutons aillés and ice-cream. Nobody seems to know if la glace is garlic flavoured. No matter: it can hardly make any difference to the flavour of the feast, though it Just don't hold your breath



Market forces: whether St Clar really is the gartic capital of the region, as the local farmers claim, the bulbs grows in awesome quantities on the surrounding hillsides

you eat, the less you smell of it — to

others or on others. They have been growing gartic at St Clar since the days when, like much of the rest of Gascony, it owed allegiance to the English crown. That was in the 13th century, a period of commercial expansion made evident by the rash of bastides (from the old

French bastida, to build). A bastide was a new town based on a grid pattern of streets, with a central square surrounded by arcades. It sounds grander than it is. All that happened was that the streets were marked out by a cord attached to a pole. The idea was to set up a community as a focus for trade.

bastide was attached to the old town, a whim of the English monarch, Edward I, which had the long-term benefit of creating a meld of planned and unplanned, a historical curiosity of infinite charm that owes its prosperity and resistance to change to the ubiqui-

tous bulb. Moist, challey soil with plenty of rain early in the year and plenty of sun following makes St Clar especially favourable to garlic growing It is the white garlic, l'ail blanc de Lomagne, with a head the size of a child's fist, that is chiefly produced here, but l'ail violet with purple veined heads is also grown. The

more expensive variety, l'all rose de

Lautrec, which keeps longest, is

found more towards the east,

Fresh garlic, in bunches of what look like inflated spring onions, appears in the markets as early as June, but the hanging garlic that is as much a kitchen decoration as a culinary delight comes in August and September. The preparation is

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the labour-intensive business of peeling off the bulbs' outer skin and binding the tresses to look like the pigtails once favoured by muscular schoolgirls. Waiting for its titivation, the garlic is stored in the open barns where the wind can dry the skin to papery flakes.

uxuriating in the afterglow & of the festival banquet it is easy to adopt the easy assumption that what is now will for ever be. But the reluctance of young people to work on the farms or at the tedious and messy process of making the garlic presentable for market suggests otherwise. Yet more ominous was the demonstration that disrupted last year's festival when farmers from a neighbouring commune led a protest at the importation of cheap garlic from China.

It is sometimes said that the pronunciation of all is like a cry for help. The proud Gascons would deny it, but there is a worry in St Clar that the garlic capital may have to fight harder to hold its title.

BARRY TURNER

● St Clar is 70km northwest of Toulouse close to Lectoure and Fleurance. It can be reached by road on the D7, D40 and D953. The sale for garlic traders is on August 8 and the festival, with a gourmet mea

Where to be sure of a room with a view

hould the subject for a even modestly reflecting inspired, the farmer in front of us, twirling the gleaming ploughshare of his John Deere 3650 as he U-turned at the end of a furrow, would have riches beyond any Eurosubsidy. He could parcel up his field and sell it off in one metre squares

Vincent van Gogh, two of whose works sold for the highest and second highest sums yet paid for any paintings, stopped where we stood on a hill above Auvers sur Oise, just west of Paris, and, in

his terminal creative frenzy. painting carry a price painted Champs de Blé. It is a. grain prairie from a nightclouds of funereal blue-black, haunted by his baleful rooks.

The apocalyptic detail aside. this is a view that has changed little. The free flow of agriculture has kept the sight lines clear. (Normally at the scheduled Van Gogh painting stops at Auvers you can consult a weather-proof copy of the work in question on a sign, erected at huge expense. But somebody has stolen this one. (You are well advised to carry an illustrated guide.) We walked past the little cemetery

where, among the overbearing and pretentious mausoleums. Vincent and his brother Theo pose... headstones in the ultimate expression of fraternal togetherness. Halfway down the hill the aspect over the valley in La Pluie (National Museum of Wales, Cardiff) was obscured by a century of

in the village it was pure chance which property Vin-cent favoured with his brush. La Pichotte and La Popilette. two houses behind geraniums at the top of a flight of steps, would command a unique premium in the house market.

if they were selling. No com-mon estate agent photograph for them; the owners need only display a copy of Vincent's L'Escaller d'Auvers and name their price. And what council artist, given the job of painting civic buildings, would risk comparison alongside his La Mairie, depicted eerily devoid of people on Bastille Day 1890. just ten days before shot Van Gogh himself?

Gogherie in Auvers. No hotels, so no night life. The man. after all, was here for just 70 days. He wasn't one of them then and may still not be. The apocryphal story of a trader invited to select a painting in payment of a bill who preferred the wheelbarrow Vincent brought them in, might serve as a a metaphor for an undercurrent of resentment which is still detectable. As we stood looking at one view a local walked past mumbling

Van Gogh's last address, the Auberge Ravoux, is admirably understated. It was recently restored by a Belgian who was involved in a road accident in the road outside and conceived the notion while recovering in hospital. There was a bed in the top floor room where Van Gogh shot himself. Unable to prove its authenticity, the new owner swept it out and left the



Detail from Van Gogh's pictures, Champs de Blé, painted during his stay in Auvers

country outing. So we have one of Monet's studies of the Gare St Lazare, seen through girders on the bridge above

Auvers sits on the outer limits of a theoretical day trip from Britain. From Paris it can be reached from Gare du Nord, the station where Eurostar arrives. Oddly, the service is no quicker than the

days when Corot, Pissarro and Cézanne would head for the country and a day's painting.

GARETH HUW DAVIES ● The author was a guest of the French Tourist Board and Air

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There are no hotels in many hotels nearby in Val d'Oise region. Details and reservations: Tourism Accueil Val. d'Oise, (1 34 71 90 00).

Auvers has six restaurants. The writer recommends: Auberge Ravous, Place de la Mairie, (i 34 48 05 47); Les Canotiers, Château d'Auvers, Rue de Lery, 1 (34 48 05 05).

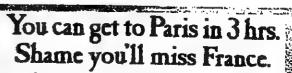
Van Gogh's last lodgings, Auberge Ravous, Place de la Mairie; from Fr25 (£30). Impressionists multimedia exhibition, Château d'Auvers, (1 34 48 50). Adults Fr50, children and students Fr35: family of four

Musée Daubigny, Rue de la Sansonne (1 30 36 80 20). Musée de l'Absinthe, 44 Rue Calle, admission Fr25. In Pointoise, Musée Camille Pissarro, 17 Rue de Château.

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room poignantly bare. Visits conclude with a very moving afford them. The Château slide show of the last days. Strauss's Four Last Songs is d'Auvers enlists technology to sidestep this. Without a single an appropriate balm to the painting they tell most people in 90 minutes more than they ever knew about the Impres ne artist has built on Auvers' international sionists. Using slides, video images and sound effects it promotion by opening creates scenarios no art galsideshows involving others aslery would dare attempt with the original painting, such as a train trip, a dancehall and a sociated with the town. Vincent came here to be among Impressionist artist friends with Dr Gachet, owner of the world's most expensive face. The house of the artist Daubigney, champion of the visiting Impressionists, has been diligently restored by his descendant. The house contains real paintings, which is an oddity. There are few works elsewhere in this village by the artists who worked here, and none by Vincent. CALL US ON 0800 365 12' Nobody wanted them when he was alive; today nobody could





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have guests with-out children, but we always let them know what they're in for," Nicholas Malcolm says. "It's usually older couples who really get pleasure out of watching other people's children."

in the foyer of the Trevelgue Hotel, my daughter, Miranda, giggling demonically, amuses herself by racing up and down the slope that leads towards the rooms. Sometimes, her momentum outstripping her two-year-old legs, she collapses on the rug with a joyful shrick. Staff on the reception desk smile. Guests pause to avoid a collision and continue unperturbed.

This is the atmosphere of the Trevelgue. A modern building on the cliffs outside Porth, near Newquay in Comwall, its exterior gives only a hint of the pleasure children and parents find within.

What Trevelgue acknowledges is that while the traditional Great British seaside holiday, weather permitting, can provide fun for all the family, it is rarely restful for parents. Some of the best beaches in the country are within walking distance, but if Mum and/or Dad gets "sandcastled out" then the

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constant supervision by one of several cheerful Antipodeans. One afternoon she joined the older children for a clown's show in the lounge. Most of them were happy to sit and be entertained after an exhausting spell in the indoor play area with its cardboard castle and jungle trail. Others had been swimming in the indoor pool with its gently shelving shallow end for beginners. There is a separate tub for the tiniest children.

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Itself a children's paradise. But its other claim is to be a parents' haven. That is where the latest developments come in, for a health farm and a fitness centre have recently been added to a range of diversions which already included tennis and squash courts, golf net and boules. You can be massaged and pampered in the one or stretched and challenged in the other while your children play under supervision. Bliss.

ALAN COPPS

All children Welsh whisky and all that jazz

The surprise, as Dr Johnson might have said, is not that Breeon stages a jazz festival so well, but that it stages one at all. A Welsh market town of compact streets and tightrope narrow pavements at the foot of the Brecon Beacons National Park, it betrays no evidence of previ-ous convictions in the field.

Regular visitors to the Bree on Jazz Festival next month will discover a welcome new attraction in the shape of the UK's first gallery devoted to their kind of music. Brainchild of festival marketing director Branwen Iorwerth, the Oriel Gallery was financed with ottery money. Downstairs, it features the images of photographers who have covered previous events and of noted Welsh artists commissioned to provide promotional material: Upstairs, a lively audio-

visual trail traces the origins of jazz from Africa via slave ships and Mississippi riverboats to York clubs and back scross the Atlantic to Paris, Berlin, London and, eventually, Brecon. The title of the exhibition is Jazz: The Sound of Surprise.

Brecon originated in Norman times, but owes its present pleasing appearance, and particularly its Georgian architecture, to the rich folk who once patronised it during winter months. Its more recent neglect by nationwide multiple store chains ensures that its shopfronts retain a happy diversity lost these days to so many of its contemporaries.

According to Miss lorwerth. it is the very incongruity of world-famous jazz performers descending on this rural retreat that is at the heart of its success. The fact that the town does not boast a single purpose-built venue only increases her sense of amazement. Concerts of traditional. and mainstream jazz take place in various tiny locations, at street corners and in car parks under distinctive canopies that billow above audiences like multi-coloured sails.

"Until 6 o'clock on Friday evening the Market Hall will be wall-to-wall stalls," the marketing director says. "By 8 o'clock it will be transformed into a concert hall." George Melly, who has a home nearby and will be celebrating his 70th birthday here this year, is given to commenting from the stage on the smell of fish.

It is, indeed, remarkable that artists such as Lionel Hampton, Gerry Mulligan and Sonny Rollins have been prepared to perform in such unlikely surroundings. It was the presence of Rollins in 1989 that set the seal on Brecon's success. "Having had him here, we could get anyone,"
Miss Iorwerth reflects.

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SMILESIAN

VISCONTIAL

At Pickwick House, Isobel Stephen finds the character of her B&B guests changes dra-matically. They eat, talk and sleep jazz," she says.

ot that visitors to Brecon, with its medieval cathedral and castle, have ever wanted for stimulation. Brooding over all are the perhaps, in fitful sunshine, when fleeting clouds delineate the contours of their vast bulk sculpted by Ice Age glaciers.
Brecon was first linked to the coast by canal in 1811 and

50 years later by rail. Nowadays the defunct railway forms part of a network of footpaths, while narrow boat trips on the canal provide a more leisurely means of exploring the countryside. A statue of the Duke of

Wellington is a reminder of Brecon's long military connections. It was from here that Davy Gam Esquire — mentioned among the Agincourt casualties in Henry V — set forth to fight for his king.

been home to the 24th Regiment of Foot, later to become the South Wales Borderers and now amalgamated into For three days such stars the Royal Regiment of Wales. find a town centre barred to. At the splendid regimental

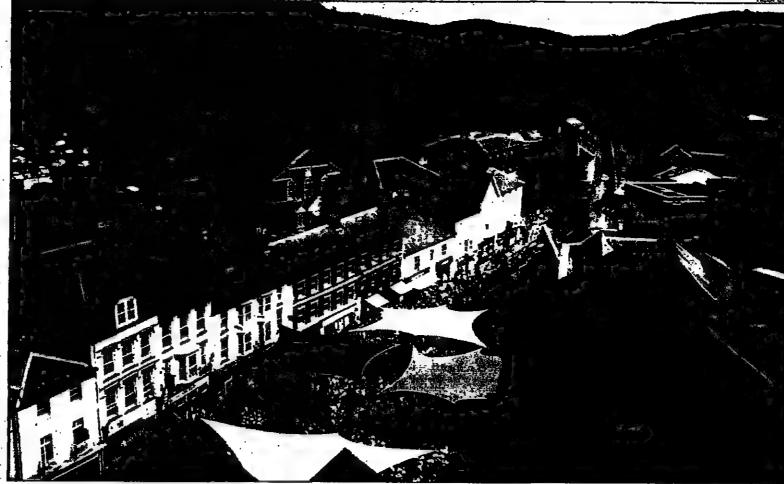
(c) Of, pertaining to, or characteristic of Samuel Smiles (1812-1904), author of Self-Help (1859) and other works for those who wish to "improve" themselves by personal effort and initiative, or his thought and writings. Aldous Huxley: "Most Smilesian

(a) A notional computing machine for performing simple reading, writing and shifting operations in accordance with a prescribed set of rules, invoked in theories of computability and automata. An eponym from A. M. Turing (1912-54), English mathematician, who described such a machine in 1936.

SPURIOS VERSENKI

(a) Sunk without trace, usually figuratively, done for, lost from sight. The German for "sunk without trace". The phrase became widely known as a result of the publication in September 1917 of a secret telegram sent in May of that year by Count Luxburg, the German minister in Buenos Aires, to Berlin, advising that ", rgentine shipping should be either turned back or sunk without trace.

(a) Reminiscent of a viscount. Cf. viscontal and viscountial, other adjectives from viscount, for which there is seldom much need in the real world. Margot Asquith. Autobiography, 1916: "You beat your tangled music out! Lofty, aloof, viscontial."



Brecon cool: beneath billowing multicoloured canopies, the sound of modern and traditional jazz fills the streets of the ancient market town

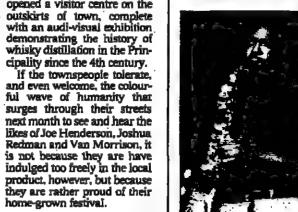
home grown festival.

The writer was a guest

traffic. Marching bands sup-plant cars and 50,000 visitors take possession of the streets. J. M. Grundy, is mildly miffed that repeated TV screenings of Zulu ensure the majority of his visitors hurry past three centuries of military memorabilia and have eyes only for the clutch of Victoria Crosses won when a company of 140 men from the 2nd Battalion beat off

More recently, the town has

borders on impertinent oxy-ON THE BRECON BEAT prietor Dalydd Gittins has opened a visitor centre on the



Brecon now has a devoted to jazz history

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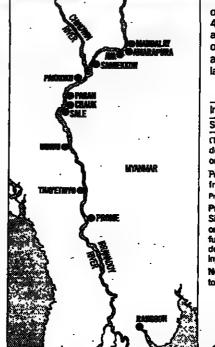


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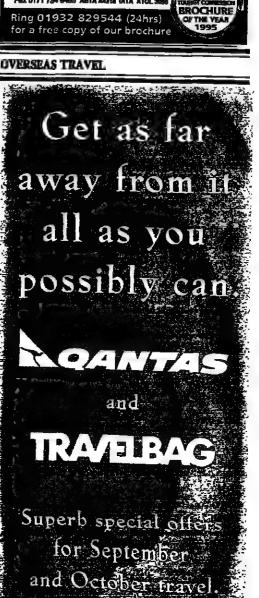
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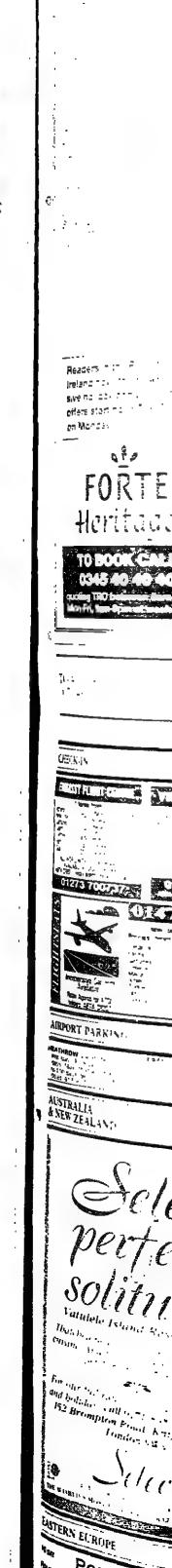
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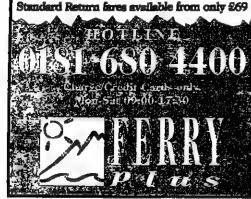
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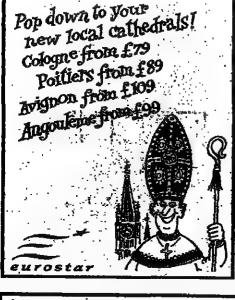
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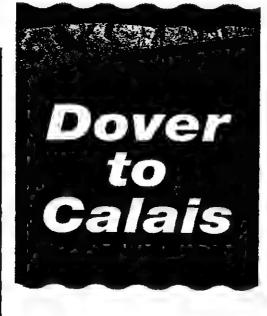
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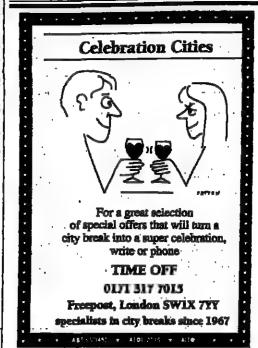
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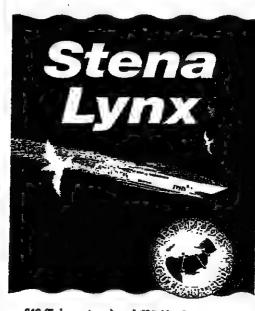
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by Raymond Keene

THE YOUNG Russian Vladimir Kramnik has been playing like a true champion recently. Over the past year, he has either fied for first or won first prize outright in virtually every event in which he has competed.

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THE COST OFF

The tournament at Dortmund, which finished earlier this month, witnessed a further Kramnik success. In the following game he annihilates Germany's strongest erandmaster.

> White: Robert Hubner Black: Vladimir Kramnik

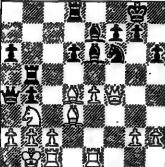


This Richter Rauzer variation of the Sicilian Defence is normally selected for its solidity. Kramnik, though, has proved in many recent games that it can also become a learsome counter-attacking weapon. White's chances lie in a pawn advance against the black king, but meanwhile Black also has prospects in the half open c-file and in the onward march of his own queenside pawns to threaten the

white monarch.

Black's resolute play has deterred White from moving forward his kingside pawns. This type of un-subtle attack normally indicates that the white player is running out of strategic ideas.





White's pawn advances on the

attacking chances on that wing. What was the key move that now

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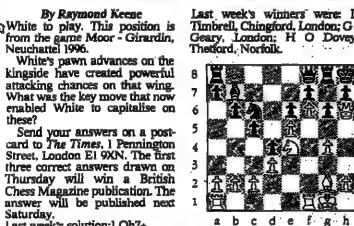
Thursday will win a British

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answer will be published next

Last week's solution:1 Qh7+

WINNING MOVE



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This move, sacrificing rook for bishop, must have come as a terrible shock to White. If now 24 Bxb5, axb5 followed by . . . Ra8 with a massive attack in the a-file. The additional threat is . . . Ra5, when Nxa5 is ruled out on account of

24 Qd2 Ng4. Not yet 24 . . . Ra5, on account of 25 a3 bxa3, when Black's rook on a5 is exposed to double attack. 25 ct. White loses patience and precipitates the end by encouraging an exchange sacri-lice from a different direction.

25 ... bxc3 26 bxc3 Rxb3+ White resigns, being defenceless against further attacks by means of ... Rb8 and ... Bg5. A brilliantly vigorous game by Black.

Prize Puzzle The following position is the opening puzzle for the 1996 British Chess Solving Championship. The problem is White to play and mate in two moves against any Black defence. Those wishing to enter should send a cheque or postal for £3 to cover administrative expenses with their entry, which should consist of White's first move only to: British Chess Problem Society, 9 Roydfield Drive, Waterthorpe, Sheffield S19 6ND, Those entering should enclose an SAE so that they can be notified if they have reached

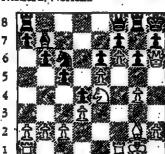
the second stage.

Over the past few years more readers have entered from The Times than from any other newspaper. Please, therefore, mention that you are entering through The Times when sending in your answer. The championship is only open to UK residents. The closing date is July 31, 1996.



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Last week's winners were: D



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GAMES

READERS are invited to write an amusing caption for the cartoon (right); from The Strand Magazine (reproduced with permission from Westminster Libraries, Sherlock Holmes Collection, Marylebone Library).

The cartoon will be printed again next week on the Games page with a caption selected from those submitted.

Send caption suggestions on a postcard with your name and address to: Strand Caption (10), Weekend Games Page. The Times, I Pennington Street, London El 9XN,

The Editor's decision is final. The closing date for entries is Wednesday, July 31.

EMBARKING ON battles with

cranky wind-up toys serves: up affable fun in Gearheads, from

Philips Media Software. Two

teams compete across the board and the aim is to be the first to get

21 of the mechanical militia to the

Players must choose which of 13

toys to release for maximum effect.

Each toy has different skills and

styles. Krush Kringle, for example,

is a strapping Father Christmas wrestler who moves in straight lines and brings his fists down on

anything he meets. Ziggy is a

cockroach which moves erratically

across the board and is the fastest toy in the box ... but, should he bump into other toys, he flips oato

his back. Zap-Bot is a robot on a

meets of its wound-up power.
Others in the colourful cast

include Presto the disappearing

magician, Kangaruffian the

punchy bush kangaroo, Handy the walking white glove, and Dead-head, a skull likely to frighten

The key to wind-up success is not

releasing toys until their springs are fairly tight, indicated by onscreen timers. Releasing the toys

early inevitably means that they

home all toys in its paths.

other side.



SHE POSITIVELY LEAPED RIGHT OFF HER FEET



"It'll never catch on as an Olympic sport, but I've got a great idea for an emblem"

The winning caption for the cartoon (above) published last week was submitted by D. Turnidge of Cambridge

stall before even reaching the

half-way mark - thereby

putting you at a disadvantage

by cluttering the field. Nor do all the toys travel in

straight lines. Some, such as

Zap-Bot and Kangaruffian,

move diagonally while others

Bouts are intensive and rapid

and the game can be played

in several ways — one player

tournament, human y com-

puter and human v human.

Computer opponents are rarely too tough to beat.

Available on dual format PC and Mac CD-Rom, Gear-

heads does have its moments

though this is not a game of

particular longevity such as

is inoffensive and enjoyable.

Another game relying on

mechanical trickery is PBA Bowl-

fun of the tenpin bowling lane.

From Bethesda Softworks on PC

CD-Rom, you must position your.

bowler, aim and throw. A close-up.

panel shows whether you hit a

strike or whether your ball hits the gully. Despite the novelty, the

game remains a fairly static affair.

Leonardo da Vinci was both

ing, a quirky title promising all the

run around in all directions.

By Philip Howard

SMILESIAN

a. From Miletus b. Prehistoric c. A self-helper

TURING a. A computer b. Adventure holidays c. A pungent herb

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c. Boiled pig's stomach VISCONTIAL

a. Like a viscount b. Counting in pairs

Symbolism in the cinema

by Robert Sheehan

YOU CAN HAVE the better of a game of backgammon for most of its duration, but then at the end suffer a dramatic reversal of fortune. It has happened to any experienced player many times, and has led to the saying "Beware the Early Gloat". These spectacular last-ditch upsets occur less frequently in bridge, but recently there was a splendid example in a high-stake rubber bridge game. Dealer North

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read; the queen of circle South's bid of One Spade was "fourth suit forcing" — a conven-tional move asking his partner to describe his hand further. South

Diamonds, his partner holding say: **♦KJ42 ♥A976 ♦6 ♦**KJ85 would pass. Yet 3NT would be an

was worried that, if he bld Three

coellent contract. North's jump to Three Spades showed a good hand with four spades, and now South intelligently bid Five Diamonds - there was a real possibility that North was void in diamonds, which would mean he would have no way of getting at South's diamonds in No-Trumps.

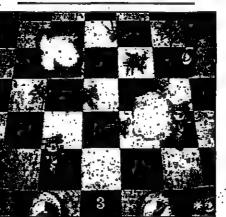
Declarer won the club lead in

dummy and continued with the ace of spades and a spade ruff. He then laid down the ace of diamonds and received the bad news. West was the Kamikaze Redoubler, who tortured me in another diamond contract a year ago. Looking at an apparently certain three trump tricks he smugly announced to his partner "I didn't want to double in case they switched to 5NT -- the Early Gloat. Declarer continued with a heart to the king, a spade ruff, a heart to the ace and a heart ruff. That left the position below, with South on lead:

Dealer North ₩2 +J10876 **◆KQ8 443**

South led a losing club, which West had to ruff. He returned the jack of diamonds, and declarer won and played his remaining club, putting West in again. In the two-card ending West was on lead from \$10.8, and had to lead into declarer's K9. Thus the declarer made one spade trick, two heart tricks, one club trick and seven diamond tricks.

ER SAMES AND PASTERES 1 by Tim Wapshott



wind-up toys on CD-Rom and PC

mechanically minded and something of an egg-head. In Softkey's Leonardo The Inventor, the man and his machines come under scrutiny. Least appealing is the American narrator's voice - he manages to sound devoid of both interest and intelligence. However, once you overcome that, the title allows for enjoyable exploration of the visionary genius who was

No 3368: Around the Squares by Duck

Sea with no carp - different genus of

Identifies with the blessed Conservative

— soon one with unending enthusiasm

Diplomacy I needed with business

centre to make arrangement for

Accuse one male on the spot when

Ruby maybe as one at end of street

Rubbish girl and boy churned over

Happen to have managed to intercept

Politically infiltrating to get moderate

Bird-keeper needs a superior horizontal

Philosopher who could make up lots!

What's said to be shaped and coated

Girl gets three-quarters of the way

Jock's mollified awkward English

Southern borders suitable for

through romantic song

companies of herons?

tropical mammal

Queen seen in palm leaves - traditional

Animal shelter, one in which there's a

To gatecrash (in Dumfries or Nairn?)

Proclivity to lust also comes with

Boy, one in section with all in

chemical units .

agreement?

mechanically

drunken priest.

leader removed

plank

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with alloy

brought into case

entertaining sailors

naughty sirens around

centuries ahead of his time. The title starts with the usual collections — biographical notes, time lines and bibliography. But it is the inventions which star — from musical instruments and anti-friction bell tower designs to flying

Also included is a run-ofthe-mill game, Find the For-tress. Here players find themselves in the innermost of three concentric corridors of cells. Some cells are initially locked but, all must be explored to track down the. handful of items needed to bring about your escape.

Leonardo The Inventor can at times be engrossing and, tions, the Mona Lisa gets to smile several times.

A reminder that Cyberspace Twenty-Five is open to all readers aged seven to 13. It should also bring a smile to our three winners when they each pick up a VTech Pre Computer Power Pad.

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To enter you must complete, in your own words, a funny limerick starting with this line: "There was a

little lap top . . ."
Send your entries, which must include your name, age, address Cyberspace Twenty-Five, Computer Garnes and Pastimes, Weekend, The Times, I Pennington Street, London El 9XN.

The closing date for the competition is midnight on Wednesday, July 31. The judges' verdict is final and they will not enter into additional correspondence. "Like a smile, which someone

described as the shortest distance between two people." Ben Okri (Beyond Words, 1993).

No 845

ACROSS

1 Contradicted (8) Called; step of ladder (4)

9 Money of India (5) 10 Caribbean topical song (7) 11 Hormone, deficient in dia

12 Bloody queen (4.1)

18 Warning light (5)

20 Derisive shout (7) 22 Speed up (7) 23 Leaves: level (5)

24 Canle (5)

25 Saviour (8)

13 Having indigestion (9)

DOWN

1 Pungent bulb for cooking

2 Enforced; took advantage 3 Outside of egg (5)

4 Light-emitting homess (13) 6 Higher (5) Wallace's (animated) dog (6) 8 "- by moonlight, proud Ti-

tania" (MND) (3.3) 14 Hit; withdraw labour (6) 15 Brainpan (7) 16 Macbeth saw his ghost (6)

17 Nearer (6) 19 Newly-married girl (5) 21 Woman's small hat (5)

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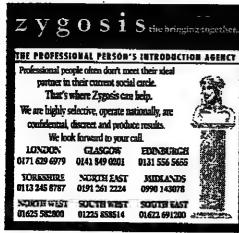
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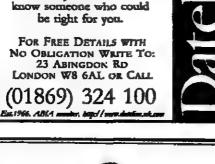
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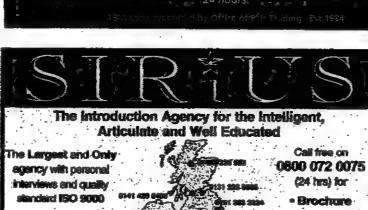
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Overpayment can bring tax problem to AVCs



Sara McConnell on potential pitfalls that can make a simple formula an investing nightmare

THE EXTRAORDINARY complexity of pension rules, which were highlighted again last week by Chris Smith, Shadow Social Security Secretary, means that simple concepts turn into fiscal and administrative nightmares. Additional voluntary entribution (AVC) schemes, designed to help employees to boost their company pensions, are no exception to this rule.

AVCs are apparently simple. You make contributions each month, as though you were paying into a personal pension, choosing either between an AVC scheme run by your employer, or an insurance company package. Your employer's scheme will be more cost-effective, as the charges are lower. Your final payout depends on how much you contributed, and the success of the investment managers.

There are two potential pitfalls, however, as Paul Oates, a teacher from Preston, Lancashire,

"The first is that it is possible to overpay contributions and it is unlikely that the insurance company concerned will warn you about this. If you do overpay, the surplus contributions are returned to you when you retire, but subject to a high rate of tax.

The second is that I am advised by the Prudential. which manages our AVC scheme, that if you choose, or through ill-health have to. retire early, the accumulated fund must be invested in an annuity at the same time as the occupational pension beins. It cannot be delayed.

income or because of market conditions, as you can with a personal pension plan. I cannot see any difference in principle between contributions to an AVC and those to a personal pension plan."

WEEKEND MONEY replies: In the case of overpaying, both you and your occupational pension administrators are responsible for seeing this does not happen, according to Andy Cox, AVC specialist at Bacon & Woodrow, the actuary.

The maximum you can receive from an occupational pension based on your final salary, including AVCs is two thirds of your final salary. The maximum vou can contribute. including AVCs, is 15 per cent



Paul Oates is confused over his AVC contributions

contribute to an AVC, your scheme will do what Mr Cox calls a "headroom check" to see you are not overshooting. But this is difficult to judge exactly. The investment could do better than expected, your salary could be lower, or you could decide to retire later. In the end, you are the one who suffers if you do make a mistake. Until recently you just lost any excess contributions. Now you get back the contributions, but these are taxed, at your highest rate

plus about 10 per cent. If you are a higher rate taxpayer, overfunding could be expensive, as you will have to hand half your contribution to the taxman. The reasoning is that you have had tax breaks on contributions either in order to increase later of salary. When you decide to that have then rolled up tax of an occupational pension.

free. So you should have to give back some of this in tax on excess contributions.

On your second point, it is unfortunately true that you cannot defer buying an annuity with your AVC contributions if the scheme you are retiring from is also the one for which you are making AVCs. But if your AVC fund was built up with a previous employer, you can defer buy ing an annuity.

Last year, rules on buying annuitles immediately were relaxed for personal pensions. allowing a pause if rates were poor at retirement. As you say. personal pensions and AVCs are very similar. The reason deferral is allowed only in certain circumstances appears to be that it is considered par

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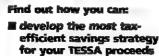
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Shaamit may be denied by Oscar Schindler

BY RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

CAN lightning strike twice in the same place? A year after Lammtarra rewrote the record books by winning the Derby on his seasonal reappearance and following up in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes, Shaamit attempts to emulate the feat at Ascot today - and thereby silence his critics. Stakes] we must have a realis-The form of Shaamit's tic chance. My horse has a great cruising speed and the better the gallop, the better it

Epsom victory has been devalued repeatedly with all the leading horses having been beaten since; but the same remark applied to Lammtarra 12 months ago, so racing's jury is still out. By this evening, the William Haggas-trained colt will be hailed as a new middle distance champion or a flawed Derby winner

The statistics, not to mention the pre-race vibes, are certainly on the side of the Khalifa Dasmal-owned colt. Since 1970, 14 Derby winners have run in the King George: ten have won. More significently. Haggas has given Shaamit every chance to re-cover fully from his Epsom exertions and, after sidestepping the Coral-Eclipse, his recent homework has been of the highest quality.

By my reckoning, Shaamit needs to improve by about 7lb to land Britain's most prestigious mile and a half race, and he could well be up to it. Three-year-olds enjoy a 121b weight-for-age advantage over their older rivals — probably 3b too much — and I would not wish to deter would-be

supporters from investing. However, in a race which is made for an each-way bet, Oscar Schindler makes considerable appeal. The winner of the Ormande Stakes and Hardwicke Stakes, where he showed a high cruising speed. the Royal Academy colt is on the upgrade and, at around 7-looks a value option.

Kevin Prendergast, who has also won the Coventry Stakes in successful raids across the Irish Sea this year, said yesterday: "He's a better horse than he was in the Hardwicke and he wants to be. But if you take a line through the third [Posidonas, who subsequently won the Princess of Wales's

will suit him.' With Annus Mirabilis likely to ensure a strong pace for his stablemate, Classic Cliche, the race could test any chink in Shaamit's stamina and leave the way open for OSCAR SCHINDLER.

Pentire should have conditions in his favour - fast ground and a strong pace but Geoff Wragg's admirable colt did not impress me behind Halling at Sandown. Classic Cliche, the Gold Cup winner, would have been a strong fancy if the going was genu-inely good or softer, but this ground is likely to prove too

Strategic Choice, who beat Oscar Schindler in the Irish St Leger last year, has legitimate claims, especially as he brushes Posidonas aside at home, and is booked for a place at least in a wide-open

Given the legitimate doubts concerning the day's feature race, the prime bets are be-yond the gaze of the television cameras. Easy Listening has progressed with every run and can oblige for the first time this season at Ascot (5.35).

However, the best bet is reserved for Time To Tango. George Moore's sprinter is improving fast judged on her victory at Carlisle three weeks ago, and she can follow up from a decent draw at Newcastle (5.05).

Lehane keeps faith in luck of the Irish

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On an optimistic owner-breeder

racehorses for the he must contain his indulgence, he is both enthusiastic and wealthy enough to resist the flurry of bids attracted by improving thoroughbreds. So it is that he can entertain the chances of Oscar Schindler in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot today. Lehane, 53, should be well

rounded in the vagaries of chance. It is now 15 years since he cashed in his soft gaming business. The arcade may be gone but Lehane remains very much wired to amusement. A self-confessed bandit off 13, he wagers on the golf course to lessen the cost of keeping three horses in training. Oscar Schindler's progression, under Kevin Prendergast's tutelage, has allowed Lehane to approach those nasty three-footers with a certain ambivalence.

Named after the German officer whose wartime efforts translated to Hollywood boxoffice success, Oscar Schindler's own story is a remarkable demonstration of faith. One of Lehane's first purchases was Saraday, a scatty, unremarkable filly who, in his own words, "was fast enough to run over five furlangs but slow enough to run over two miles." Saraday is his only broodmare; her progeny the only horses he has in training

Ridgewood Pearl, a brilliant mare for Scan Coughlan last season, hailed from an equally romantic back-ground. The similarities do BIG RACE LINE-UP not end there. Coughlan and Lehane, both residents of Kildare, Ireland, are mem-



Oscar Schindler chases another Ascot success after his victory in the Hardwicke Stakes at the royal meeting

blessings and Holy Water, Lehane trusts to what is best described as the luck of the lrish. Many will envy Lebane's lifestyle, but the man himself appears fuelled by a cocktail of daring and

"Kevin did not want Oscar Schindler to go for the King George after he won the Hardwicke Stakes at Royal Ascot," Lehane said. "He had his eye on a race in Germany but I said to him: To hell with it, let's go for the big one." Racing is not a business for me and this is a once-in-alifetime horse. I live well

position to turn down £2 million if he wins the King George.

Nor does Lehane believe that the prospects of victory are remote. "Racing is a game for dreamers, which is why very owner thinks his horse is better than it is," he said. "I'm'no different, but I genuinely believe my horse will go very close. He finished ahead of Classic Cliche in the Irish Derby last year and if that was the only horse to beat I'd have five grand on the

It would be wrong to inter-pret Lebane's financial en-

soon after his initial interest in betting. Many are Ireland's owners and trainers who have squandered everything but won't admit to it. Through their concealed tears, they still reminisce of the occasion, 20 years ago, when they made bookmakers cry. In that re-

spect Lehane was quick to absorb the realities. "I bought my first horse because I fancied having a bet," he recalled. "I thought it could just be set up one day and I'd back it to win thirty grand - I was that naive. I see a different side to the business now. I'll have two the pain of the handouts afterwards." Life is too good for Lehane

to stake his fortune for the promise of a late-night yarn. Horses are a welcome distraction, but the dawn of a new day heralds enough excitement without the artificial inducements of risk. Lehane has already recognised that Oscar Schindler's presence in the paddock today will send his spirits soaring. He has sampled the essence of racing by taking it at face value. Only then can an owner say, as Lehane said in closing: "All this winning will come to a

Imroz can confirm Newmarket promise

Kelleway hopes for

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TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

ASCOT

2.00: Russian Music, trained by Gay Kelleway and ridden by her sister, Sara, is the logical choice based on his encouraging third behind John Gosden's North Song in the Britannia Handicap at Royal Ascot.

Given plenty of time to recover from that tough race, the three-year-old gelding can provide the latest success for the in-form Whitcombe handler. Maxine Cowdrey has won this race five times and Green Green Desert, now with Lady Herries, theoretically has a sound form chance but he is not the most trustworthy of characters.

Brilliant Red failed to figure behind Green Perfume at Newbury, but should improve for that outing, while Ham-

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Nap: TIME TO TANGO (5.05 Newcastle) Next best: Easy Listening (5.35 Ascot)

merstein was a good winner at Thirsk first time out this term. Quinze, who made a winning debut at Brighton, is another for the short-list.

2.35: Imroz created a favourable impression when winning at Newmarket 17 days ago. The impeccably bred Henry Cecil-trained filly quickened in style to justify favouritism on her racecourse debut and will take all the beating here.

The form of Raindancing's success at Kempton has been enhanced by the subsequent victory of the runner-up, Isle Of Man. But the unbeaten Moonlight Paradise is likely to pose the biggest threat to the selection after victories at Goodwood and Newmarket. 3.50: see left.

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Club. However, while him for the money, although as an act of pure bravura. I did at Royal Ascot and at ment, however, hope springs Coughlan speaks of Papal I'll admit I am not in a That went by the wayside Chester. It helps to alleviate eternal." DIAMOND STAKES (Group I: £294,600: 1m 4f) (8 runners) (b a Warning - Anne Petrovne) (Royel blue) 1251-11 CLASSIC CLICHE 37 (C.F.R.S) (Gadalahiri S.bin Suran 4-9-7 M. J.RG) (b c Salse - Pato) (Royel blue) (3) 90-1212 LUSO 41 (O.F) (S Martina) C British 4-9-7......

(Sales - Luceyan Princess) (White, red aseh, red and white simped cup) (4) 443-211 OBCAR SCHMOLER 36 (CD.F.S) (1) Latere) I. Prendergat (let) 4-9-7... R Heighes 93 (ch o Royal Academy - Saraday) (Vihito, royal blue seeh, red and blue quartered cap) (b c Be My Guest - Gulf Nicold (Chocolete, gold braid and sleeves, quartered cap)

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408 (1) 41-1 SHAMIT 49 (D.F.G.) It Dameii W Hagus 3-8-1. Pet Eddery 93 (0 c Mato - Snormouse) (Pink, green epaulate and armieto, green and pink hooped cap) BETTANC: 2-1 Steam#, 9-4 Partore, 9-2 Clessic Chaine, 6-1 Steatagic Chaice, 7-1 Opear Schindler, 10-1 Fazzant 12-1 Luco, 68-1 Assays Mesabilis

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2.00 Russian Music 3.50 Clausic Clicks 4.30 Henry Island 5.00 TOUJOURS RIVIERA (nep) 2.35 Imroz 3.05 Saltimbunco 5.35 Butter Office

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.35 imroz. 3.50 SHAAMIT (nap), 5.35 GUIDE TO OUR HACECARD

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.35 IMROZ.

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TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

2.00 CONDE DIAMOND CONDITIONS STAKES (Ladies race: £7,360: 1m md) (13 runners) BBC1

BETTING: 5-2 Green Cream Desert. 9-2 Russian Musac, 5-1 Formany Waters, 11-2 Hagemerstein, 8-1 Foundated, 1995: CAP JULUCA 3-9-11 E Johnson Houghter (3-1) R Charlton 14 par

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Beautisamp Ring to race at Haydock (fin, good).
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race at Rigon (1m, good to flam). FARAWAY WATERS 181 7th of 11 to Lady Carta to Group I
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Selection: GREEN GREEN DESERT

COURSE SPECIALISTS 125 234 233 174 209 TRAINERS 27 8 22.2 21.7 20.9 20.0 M J Kirane Pat Eddery W Carson T Olann J Reid 176 14.1 13.3 13.2 10.5 2.35 PRINCESS MARGARET STAKES (Group it: 2-Y-O fillies: £22,295: 6f) (8 runners)

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divid 19 to Dazzle in group in Cherry Hanne stakes at
Newmarket (6), Good). MAROZ has Ribna 2541 in maidlen
Selection: BAROZ.

3.05 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O colts and geldings: £6,840: 6f) (9 runners)

BETTING: 15-8 Revolue, 9-4 Shawai, 9-2 Gentleman's Word, 15-2 Hattab, 10-1 Homestead, 12-1 others 1985; TAMAGO 8-11 B Hitis (9-4) H Thomson Jones 4 pas

3.50 KING GEORGE VI AND QUEEN ELIZABETH BBC1 DIAMOND STAKES (Group I: £294,600: 1m 4f) (8 runners) RUNNERS AND RIDERS - SEE LEFT

4.30 FIREROSE DIAMOND RATED HANDICAP (£12,463: 1m 2f) (12 runners)

(£12,463: 1m; 2f) (12 runners)

S01 (7) 3-02023 BEHAVIOUR 15 (F) (J Store) Mrs J Cacif 4-9-7 J Reid

\$2 (9) 135-520 ELLE APDERSKY 2 (D,F.G) (Suched Stud) J Fassisae 4-9-5 DOUBTRE.

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\$4 (2) 10-0031 SHEER DANZIG 22 (D,F.G) (R Area) R Armstrong 4-9-0 W Whoods

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5.00 CROCKER BULTEEL HANDICAP

(£14,135; 1m str) (12 runners) (£74,135; 10ff St7) (12 (NENDERS)

601 (5) 2-11210 YEAST 22 (COLFS) (8 Hagges) W Hagges 4-10-0 R Cochrane

602 (3) 2-60000 BEALICHAMP ANZ 21 (D.F.S.) (6 Penser) J Ounlep 4-8-12 M J Kinem

603 (9) 56-1450 OPTIONS OPEN 21 (D.B.F.CI) (3 Remedian) Mss J Remedian 4-9-9 W Woods

604 (4) 000004 KAYVEE 27 (COLFS) (1 Richmond Matson) G Harwood 7-9-8 A Clark

605 (12) 10-0111 CONCER LIN 21 (D.F.G.S.) (Mss L Ward) S Williams 4-9-6 M W Carson

606 (8) 110-086 KI CH SABA 59 (G.S.) (B Anderson) J Durko 4-9-1 M Carson

607 (2) 21-090 WANTEEL 49 (D.G.S.) (Mss J Charston) S Dow 4-9-1 M Carson

608 (8) 112251 MASTER CHARTER 29 (D.F.G.) Mss J Remedian 4-9-12 Dana Charte (3) 6-609 (11) 20-0043 CONSPICTIOUS 35 (F.G.) (Mss J Hopkins) L Cothrill 6-9-11 M J Option

610 (7) 62-10 MASTELION 16 (D.F.) (8 Remiser) D Loder 3-8-10 R Hagges

611 (10) 000602 TOLLIOURS RIVIERA 7 (COLF.G.) (4 Farlong) J Pearca 6-8-8 B Sanders

612 (1) 256-084 MPRIZ 29 (7) (Normately Developments) R Abeliurs 4-8-3 Sanders

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WAKEEL 4/41 6th of 11 to Hogusty is handicap of Goodwood (1m. good). MASTER CHARTER best Secret Aly short-head in 7-renner handicap at Nea-market (1m. 2f. good to fam). CORSPECIDIES 3/44 3rd of 11 to Satmon Ladder in handicap here (1m. 2f. good to fam). TORINGER SIMPERA 1/44 (2m) of 11 to Hawksley HID in handicap at Newmarket (1m. good to fam).

5,35 BLACKHEST HANDICAP

BETTING: 3-1 Easy Ustening, 6-1 Percy Emiltmedia, 7-1 Proton, 8-1 Chelham Island, Linding Spirit, Bryand Doubt, 10-1 agrees 1995: DANCING SENSATION 8-8-7 J Reid (9-1) A Abelural 8 on

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EASY LISTERING 44: 2nd of 18 to Grand Selection in handicap at Kempton (Im 23, good to farm) with KRISCLIFFE (16 beiter oil) less necks 4th and BURNING (5 to beiter oil) less necks 4th and SURRING (5 to beiter oil) less necks 4th and SURRING (5 to beiter oil) 1941 11th. LEADING SPRIT best Hatsadari 4t to 14-numer handicap at Kempton (Im 4, good to farm) with GENERAL MOUNTAR (18 beiter oil) 1941 and PERCY BRAITHWAITE (set Wells Premiere 1941 in 7-ranner handicap at Ripon (Im 21, good to farm) 19 to Edian Heights in handicap at Sandown (Im 3 1914, good to call).

Song Of Tara heads to Ireland

SONG OF TARA bypasses today's King George VI And Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes to tackle the Meld Stakes at the Curragh. The colt's trainer, Peter Chapple-Hyam, considered the Ascot ground unsuitably firm for the four-year-old, who has managed only four outings in his career.

Chance for Ocean Ridge

today's group two Prix Robert Papin over an extended five furlongs at Maisons-Laffitte. The Manton filly was second behind the impressive Dazzle in the Cherry Hinton Stakes at Newmarket, Her biggest danger may be Alain Royer-Dupre's Nombre Premier, who is the likely favourite.

THE Peter Chapple-Hyam-trained Ocean Ridge (Thierry Jamet) heads a field of six for Harrison) are the two British representatives in tomorrow's group one Deutschlandpreis over a mile and a half at Dusseldori.

Posidonas beat Singspiel and Annus Mirabilis in the Princess of Wales's Stakes at Newmarket and, if he can repeat that form, he should go

RACING NEXT WEEK MONDAY: Brighton (feet race, 2.30), Newcastia (2.15), Notingham (Sky, 5.25), Windsor (Sky, 6.15) TUESDAY: Beverley (2.00), Goodwood (SBC, 2.15)

(BBC, 215) WEDNESDAY: Doncaster (200). Epsom (Sky, 6.00), Goodwood (BBC, 2.15), Streeturd (Sky, 6.15). THURSDAY: Doncaster (Sky, 6.20), Geodwood (BBC, 2.15), Salisbury (Sky, 6.05), Yarmouth (2.00). PRIDAY: Ascot (Sky, 6.09), Bangor (3.10), Goodwood (BBC, 2.15), Newmarket (Sky, 6.15), Thirsk (2.00). SATURDAY; Goodwood (BBC, 2,00), Hamb-ton Park; (Sty., 5,50), Market Rasen (Sky. 6 10), Newmarket (C4, 2,05), Newton Abbot (2,25), Thirsk (2,20), Windsor (Sky, 6,00)

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Kelleway has high hopes for Musheer

By RICHARD EVANS

GAY KELLEWAY'S excellent horse, but in the meantime his season went into overdrive at Ascot yesterday when Musheer beat some fancied rivals in the Deloine & Touche Maiden Stakes and gained "the best horse I have trained" tag from an ecstatic trainer.

i have always known this was a good horse and he is in all the good races, including the Dewhurst Stakes. He got beaten on his debut at Ayr but that was my mistake because the ground was like a bog and I told Kieren Fallon to hold him up, which was a mistake,"

Pat Eddery let the Known Fact colt bowl along in front yesterday and inside the final quarter furlong he puiled away from well-backed rivals trained by Peter Chapple-Hyam and Paul Cole and won in a decent time.

Kelleway hopes Musheer could develop into a Derby

performance should encourage favourite backers in the opening race at Ascot today. He worked well alongside Russian Music the other day and then I knew for sure he was good. Russian Music should win tomorrow — pro-vided my sister, who is riding, doesn't mess it up," she added.

Now on the 30-winner mark for this season, Kelleway is looking forward to sending out Sorbie Tower for the Sussex Stakes at Goodwood next week, but the outcome of the group one race is a foregone conclusion, if the foregone conclusion, is ante-post prices issued by

Coral offer a best priced 6-4 against Charnwood Forest, the Quuen Anne Stakes winner, while Ladbrokes make the Godolphin-owned horse



The blinkered Bolivar holds off Golden Arrow in a thrilling finish to the Brown Jack Stakes at Ascot yesterday

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2.15 Vagabond Chanteuse, 2.50 Bulsara, 3.25 Coscoroba, 4.00 Branston Abby, 4,35 Maple Bay, 5.05 Ziggy's Dancer.

going: good to firm DRAW: 5F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.15 TATTERSALLS MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,152: 6f) (12 runners)

(5) 3294 MAJOVA 11 R Hollinshead 6-6. Flyests (5) (7) PERCLES M Johnston 8-5. J Franking — 11 5 MONARCH'S PURSUIT 22 T Excerby 6-4. M Birch 77-11 4 ROCK THE CASAM-11 4 I Hoherton 8-4. K Dating (7) 043 HORG KONG EXPRESS 12 J Bury 6-3. J Courty 78 3 VASABOND CHARTELINE 83 7 Ethertoglan 8-8. C Courtee 8.

2.50 THOMAS LONSDALE BALLAGHER HANDICAP (24,241: 1m 2f 32yd) (11)

(8) 0382 KOMREYEV DANCER 8 (D.F.B) A Beiley 4-8-11 D Wight (3) (5) 1402 MANFUL 26 (B.C.D.F.S.) W Beely 4-9-2 M Konundy (17) 0003 LEF THE URKY 27 (B.S.) Mas S Heil 7-8-0. J Forbura (9) 22-2 MAND FOR BALLEYS 5 M Johnson 3-8-12 J Waxney (10) MILL FURCE 8 (F) D Michalls 5-8-12 Airs Crossing (17) S065 VILLEGEATURA 9 (7) Mr. J Branning 3-8-7 S Cockelly (18) 6437 BULSARA 9 (D.F) C Februari 4-8-4 D Mr. Konung (17) 3048 SUPERFRIED 7 (5) Man M Powelly 4-8-4 A Calibria (17) 0025 MEW ALBTON 8 (D.F) Ormen 5-8-4 J Functing

4-1 Sundmoor Chambury, 9-2 Alaid For Badeys, 5-1 Kommyer Dencer, Bulanca, 6-1 Mendul, 8-1 Superpride, 10-1 Villagoiatum, 12-7 others.

3.25 JAMES PLETCHER MARQUEES SELLING STAKES (2-Y-0: 22,243: 67) (10)

1 (10) 6 BARACHOS LAD B J J O'NeG 8-12 8 Cooksty 86

Marin Deyer (8) 48

J Cartel

J Wesser (9)

A Forese (9)

BNGFIELD

6.10 Nakhai. 6.40 Lunar Music. 7.10 Salesmah. 7.40 Serious Trust. 8,10 Whatever's Right. 8,40 Spinning Mouse.

GOING: FIRM (TURF COURSE); STANDARD (ALL-WEATHER) DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.10 DAILY STAR APRENTICES MAIDEN HANDICAP (All-weather: £2,477; 1m 2f) (9 runners) | 3-60 | MISS HAVERSHAM 19 C Oper 4-10-0 | P Goods (19) 8 | 5046 | HARES 36 / HILS 3-6-7 | R Pirecet (5) 7 | 8 | 80-0 COEUR FRANCAIS 16 W Musson 4-6-11 | J Wilfston (3) 1 | 4 | 6-0 DOCK ANDS COURSER 23 B Michael (4) 4-6-6 | C Webb 5 | 5004 MARCHU 14 (8) D Marray Smith 3-8-5 | R Bristand (5) 6 | 6 | 6004 PROCETUR POLKA 22 J Parker 4-8-0 | P Des (2) 2 | 7 | 0056 T MARCHU 14 (8) 0 | Marray Smith 3-8-5 | P Des (2) 2 | 8 | 6335 | REVASHA 17 J FRIsth-Hoyen 4-7-12 | R Station 9 | 9 | 000- TARLETS OF STONE 245 J Bookly 3-7-10 | J Bookly (7) 4

3-1 Natiral, 7-2 Docklands Country, 9-2 Hares, 5-1 Miles Haverstory, 7-1 Purienters Polia, 8-1 Coest Francais, Niversite, 10-1 others. 6.40 DIGICON GEOPHYSICAL SELLING STAKES (2-Y-0; £2,343; 5f) (8)

3-1 Hoth Surprise, 7-2 Hener Golf Stormer, 4-1 Braillyfilli, Luxus Music, 8-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS JOCKEYS: W Casen, 20 winners from 70 dates, 28.6%; J Wilderson, 5 from 24, 20 ffs; R Cockrate, 78 from 432, 18.1%, T Outon, 68 from 398, 17.1%, M Henry, 6 from 41, 14.6%, B Doyle, 33 from 233, 14.2%.

3-1 Atal. 4-1 Hoseal, 9-2 Kahir Almayden, 5-1 Witard King, 6-1 Inger, 7-1 Almastatash, 8-7 Hi Rod, 19-1 others.

4.35 GWEN BUSH FOUNDATION AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP (£3,891: 1m 3yd) (11) 1 (2) 0743 MAPLE BAY 9 (CO.6) A Bulley 7-11-7

5 (3) 0286 COMMANDER GLEN 15 (8.0.5.6) Min J Parameter.
6 (2) 6-00 BOLD HASHT 16 (1.5.6) J Parameter 11-10-7 May L Parameter 7 (1) CST11 HAWWING 9 (0.5.6.5) E Alston 10-10-0. May L Parameter 8 (2) STERS SERENADE 15 (2)-50 B belong 7 (1-10-0.4) Transform 9 (8) 0444 SEDDY 10 J Helperton 3-9-7 Mins P Robson 10 (1) CSD1 MEZCRAMED 9 (V.0.5.5) K Margan 4-8-5. Thorston 11 (10) 0002 SPEAT BEAS 3 (5) D Chaptern 4-9-8. May C Williams (5) 3-1 Scanbon, 9-2 Maybe Bay, 5-1 Spenish Verdict, 11-2 Great Bear, 5-1 Haysen 7-1 Mezcrostrolo, 10-1 Senater Charles, 12-1 others.

5.05 ABB POWER HANDICAP (25,654: 51) (15) D. UD ASIN POWER MANDICAP (ES,654: 5) (15)

1 (3) -000 SANT EXPRESS 7 (U.F. 6) Am Accepts 6-16-4 A Calcute
2 (7) -200 CROSS THE BORDER 42 (D.F.) Di Mcholin 3-0-11 K Duriny
3 (6) 0131 LORD MESH ADMIRAL 21 (D.F.9.13) M Harbor-Ein 6-0-11
4 (4) 113- BRANKSTON JEMS, 228 (D.F.) M Johnston 3-0-1, J Wisson
5 (13) 58-60 ZGSYS DANCER 7 (D.F.6) E Akion 5-1-1. J Coroni
6 (13) 58-60 ZGSYS DANCER 7 (D.F.6) E Akion 5-1-1. J Coroni
7 (8) 0030 LAMREL DELIGHT 18 (U.F.6) J Boys 1-0-5. P Fictorias (5)
8 (14) 2000 SWINGTOND DREAM 15 (U.F.6) J Boys 1-0-5. P Fictorias (5)
9 (11) 2000 SWINGTOND DREAM 15 (U.F.6) J Boys 1-0-5. P Fictorias (5)
10 (10) SWINGTOND DREAM 15 (U.F.6) J Boxtoniay 3-1-13 J Lamo
10 (1) 6300 SURPHINE MISSION 16 (D.F.6) Max J Remotion 3-0-11 (Juliden.
11 (12) -011 TIME TO TANKO 21 (D.F.) 6 Minom 3-0-3. P Lynch (5)
12 (15) 2172 SHADOW ARRY 2 (W.F.) 25) B Changdin 5-0-12 (Calcutom)
13 (15) 2172 SHADOW ARRY 2 (W.F.) 25) B Changdin 5-0-2 (Calcutom)
14 (15) 1604 RCH GUN 6 (D.F.S) N Byson 5-7-10. Mintio Dayor (5)
15 (2) 0231 JUST DISSIDENT 8 (D.F.) N Minister 4-7-10 A Bacclery (6-1) Lord High Admics, 13-2 Lunwi Dalight, 7-1 Institut Timber, 15-2 Bernal

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRADERS: D. Morkey, 10 wisness from 52 narraeca, 51.5%; J. Dunico, 11 hem 27, 20.7%; M. Saselo, 13 hour 52, 25.0%; M. Prescott, 6 from 34, 23.5%; M. Carragcho, 7 bron 40, 17.5%; C. Thombre, 6 from 36, 16.7%. ICCKEYS: S Drowns, 4 winners from 9 rides, 44.4%; 6 Dallinki, 17 from 90, 18.9%; J Wasser, 17 from 94, 18.1%; D Holkand, 5 from 29, 17.2%; W Ryan, 11 from 72, 16.3%; J Canoll, 20 from 136, 14.8%.

7.10 EAST GRINSTEAD HANDICAP

B 0020 ANNE UP SENGEN 7 (B.D.F.A.S) W Mastern 5-8-1 \$ 100 HAYDOWN 14 C Namh 47-10 J Westerson (7) 6 6-4 Farmest, 8-4 Salmemath, 5-1 Joile, Honorable Estale, 8-1 Rise Up Singles, 18-1 Haydown.

7.40 a r dennis bookmakers handicap (3-Y-0: £2,988: 2m) (6)

2-1 Indianace Pacies, 3-1 Serious Trast, 7-5 Sering Felion, 4-1 Chacabite for, 7-1 Liegally Yours, 33-1 Stranger Lavy.

8.10 VAL FORSTER BIRTHDAY LIMITED STAKES (All-weather: £2,667: 7f) (7)

5-2 La Tansani, 3-1 Fort Knox, 7-2 Sected Times, 8-2 Wileasver's Right, 8-1 Hosephon Venture, Hawed Shorm, 28-1 Spectacle Jim

8.40 HEAT HISTALLERS JULY HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £3,125: 1m 3(106yd) (5) 1 4381 MANNESAM 24 (8.5) J Daniso 9-7. T Coins 1 2 3521 ALLSTARS SOPRESS 7 (C.D.P.) T Naccitos 9-3. Paul Editory 4 3 043 SOUTH WIND 28 Mar J Cleat 8-9. A Cant 2 4 5422 THO SOCKS 21 M McCormet 8-8. W Woods 5 5 0-05 SPINING MOUSE 60 D Moriey 8-4. R Cockmes 3 2-1 Albetara Express, 3-1 Microlano, 7-2 Two Socies, 9-2 Spinning Mease, 7-1 South What 2.25 Flow Curch. 3.00 Discret Mernory. 3.35 Ster Market, 4.10 Jimmy O'Dea. 4.45 Sentella Boy, 5.20

GOING: GOOD TO FRM

2.25 RICHARDSONS OLDBURY KING GEORGE SURFERS PARADISE MOVICES HURDLE (£2,276; 2m 110yd) (7 minoers)

1 23-1 COUNCEUR 37 (CO.F) M Haramond 7-11-8 R Garriey
2 55-1 KARSICKA 18F (F) M Chapman 6-11-0 W Worthington
3 FF-P DAN DE LYON 35 (S) B Leantlyn 8-10-12 J Magne (S)
4 040 DESERT CALM 10F (S) Mrs P Duffield 7-10-12 P Holley
5 FLEET CACCET 345F M Ppm 5-10-12 D Marganian
6 228-1 HAVE HAM 56 (S) N Chamer 9-10-12 D Marganian
7 MARIO'S DREAM Mrs J Rater 8-10-12 D Calangher

3.00 KING EDWARD GREAT BARRIER REEF NOVICES CHASE (£3,051: 2m 1f 110yd) (6)

3.35 KING CHARLES WARRNAMHOOL TROPHY HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,785; 2m). (7)

19-1 STAR MARISE & BLCD7 8.30 J Sowing 5-13-0 R Dereccely
4-01 (VY EXTH 30 (D.F.S) T Mas 6-11-78 0 Stringwater
(O-P MERLINS WEST 4 (D.F) M Pior 7-71-0 D Stringwater
(SPE) VAN PRINCE 11 F (B.O.F.G.S) M Technic 9-11-1 M Devige
114 PAUSTING 58 (D.F) F Hobbit 4-11-1 P Johnson
F-P MARZINE CYPRES 17 (D.S.) P Strong 7-18-13 P Johnson
SPJ CAXCON 795 (D.F.S) J White 9-10-0 B Featon

8,55 Need You Badly.

(£2,381: 1m 4f) (13 runners)

DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

5.25 WHISKY FILLIES HANDICAP

1 0161 SPERLEY SUE 5 (C.S.) M Johnston 3-9-13 (End.) ... J Francing 9
2 0030 ANCHORIENA 5 (D.F.) Mrs A Swindowk 4-9-10 ... S Duffield 13
3 59-0 REPAIRTY DANCES 2: G Browny 3-9-6 S Withwork 5
4-6 TRYPH 15 M Havemond 4-9-6 ... D Betfills (S) 12
6 18-6 MODIN LISHT CALLYPSO 45 (F) M Manglar 5-9-8 ... S Carter 1
8 19-0 BLOW FORUM 49 (D.E.F.R.M.) L Montages 148 5-9-3

7 GRD0 ROSS CHRMS 21 (8.5) J L Herris 4-8-12 Die Gibben 8 5/0 PATSCRLA 7 R Dicks 5-8-11 T Willems 8 3/07 ZELBR 7 (0.5) Mrs N Miscauley 4-8-8 T Willems 8 3/05 CELBR 7 (0.5) Mrs N Miscauley 4-8-8 T Willems 8 3/05 CELBR 7 (0.5) Mrs N Miscauley 4-8-8 Mrs Trailer 8 DA20 GLOWING REEDS 21 (V) C Allen 3-8-5 R Adarcs 7 W Mrs SMCHELLE 7 (0.024 E WINGER 8-8-2 A Daty 6) 1000 ULICY'S GDUD 7 M Ryem 5-7-10 - 4-8 Mrs C(5) 11

7-4 Shirtey Sun, 2-1 Zeithn, 7-2 Show Forson, 8-1 Thypis, 10-1 Infinity Densor, 12-1 Monorlight Colynon, Gloring Reads, 14-1 others.

1 GASS PERPETURE 7 M Prescut 6-12 B Derry 8-11 B Defield 6
2 0124 EAGER TO PLEASE 15 (D.BF.G) J Berry 8-11 G Carter 4
3 6160 LYCIUS TOUCH 5 (S) M Johnston 8-8 C Tempo (3) 1
6 00CHELDOWS GRE 5 N Berrof 8-8 C Tempo (3) 1
6 0825 SURGOST 9 (B) J L Harris 8-2 Date Glacus 5
6 02 BOKSSEL 5 J Ricycold 8-0 J Enoting 2
11-4 Lycius Touch, 8-1 Borstel, 7-2 Perpeture, 6-1 Enger To Please, 6-1

7.25 maun motors median auction maiden

2-1 Dizzy Titly, 5-2 Diants Rock, 5-1 Milerer Four Spect, 6-1 Locky Oringtood, 7-1 Shrer Moon, 12-1 Mass Alica, 25-1 Instancescent.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Accot: 3.50 Annua Minubille. Lingfield Paric: 3.10 Houghton Variane. Newcastle: 3.25 Samspet, Veerapong. Southwelt: 6.25 Rose Chine. 8.25 Comedie Arrete, Signey Fin, Tirle. Stratford: 2.25 Desert Celm. 4.10 Hamistown Lady

STAKES (2-Y-D fillies: £2,381: 7f) (7)

6.55 BBC RADIO NOTTINGHAM BREAKFAST WITH THE LYNCH'S CLAIMING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,381: 6) (6)

GOING: STANDARD

4.70 GERARD MANN MERCEDES BENZ HAMDICAP CHASE (£3,626: 3m) (12)

282- HARRESTOWN LIOV 107 (V.CD.F.S) Man V Western 9-11-12
2 - P25 THE BLIE BOY 9 (S.CD.BF.F.S.S) P home 8-11-6 S deviation
3 - 2-06 WISE ADMICS 6 S) M Harmonia 6-11-4 S deviation
4 - P-P4 MARC 9 (OM 6 D.F.S) J Milleron 10-11-2 S Goest
4 - 2-49 SAMY OVER 17 (V.C.D.F.) 18-8 4-10-13 S J Robert
5 - 121 MOCATOM 14 F.G.S.S K Mayers 7-10-13 S J Robert
7 - 2-42 CHANNEL PASTIME 24 (S) D Brackel 12-10-11 G Lance (S)
8 - 22-1 MAPLE DANCES 8 (G.F.S) F. Conton 10-10-11 W E Bassimir OF
9 1 PPU MORNING SULSH 6 (B.F.S) M Pro 6-01-4 S Deviation
10 - 5-0 RUSTY BEDGE 8 (S.D.F.S) MC S Jahoson 9-10-3 W Marston
11 2-44 VICTORY ANTHEM 40 (F.S.) J Bandey 8-10-0 S P Reviation
12 01-0 BOXWES MATCH 17 (F.S.S.) J Bandey 8-10-0 S P No. 7 Microbry
12 Development 1 Canade Service Market Good 7-1 Till She Serv. Himstere 1 283- HARRISTONIA LADY TOT IN COLUMN V Winners 9-11-12 7-2 Necestation, 5-1 Channel Postume, Alacka Cancor, 7-1 The Olive Boy, Nec Ludy, 8-1 Magis, Blasco, Ivine Advice, 12-1 space

4.45 KING HENRY WALKABOUT HANDICAP HUHBLE (52,262; 3m 3f) (8)

5.20 RICHARDSONS FAIR DINIKUM NOVICES MANDICAP HUMBLE (22,176: 2m 34) (8)

1 25 FEMINOSE (ALC 9 & Loran) (8)

2 P.P.I SPARTS FAULT 17 (9) Eccles 6-10-12. R Count.

3 284 SEVER SLEEVE 91 (8) M Remond 4-10-8. R Count.

4 0-01 SPARSH BLAZE 57 Mas M Jone 6-10-1. R Count.

5 0-PR MUTLEY 17 N Hande 6-10-0. My J Codent.

6 my Expans Boy March 9-10-0. My J Codent.

6 my Expans Boy Blaze 6-10-0. Red. 6-1 Malley, 6-1 chem.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANSPEC: 14 Pipe, 25 wissters from 87 rustners, 26.4%; P Hobba, 11 hom 54, 20.4%; B Lissellyn, 4 turn 20, 20.0%; J White, 10 lines 76, 13.2%; Me other qualities.

20.00%; C Meude, 4 from 20, 18.2%; A Williamson, 17 from 102, 16.7%; R Johnson, 6 from 37, 16.2%; D Bridgester, 8 from 86, 10.5%.

7.55 GRANGE FARM BARNEY MOOR HANDICAP 23,425: 7f) (16)

1 B846 DESSRT MANDER 21 (CD.E.S.) D Claumes 5-10-8 A Coffeen 6
2 4214 ELTON LEDGER 37 (V.CD.F.S.) WHI M Microwy 7-10-8
Entres O'Gormen 15
1 0-00 Bill 25 (p.(21,0) W Ham 4-10-0 Entres O'Gormen 15
2 Desset 35 (p.(21,0) W Ham 4-10-0 Entres O'Britan O'Bornes 15 (£3,425: /1) (16) 6.25 Anchorena. 6.55 Eager To Please. 7.25 Devis Rock, 7.55 Desert Invader. 8.25 Another Quarter.

2 CHAIN ELECTRICAL STATE AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE STATE 7-2 Bitto Ledger, 5-1 Detect invector, Remark Yard, 5-1 Detect Zoon, Lody Silk, 12-) Jagus McCoolup, Amileb, 14-1 silang.

8.25 PERNOD MAIDEN SELLING STAKES (\$2,070; 1m 41) (9)

1 0-00 TRILE 5 (r) 2 Parts 4-9-0. D BYRIGS (B) 7
2 0000 URDANASTERSCHARDNA 5 M Bielby 4-9-0. L Reston (S) 4
2 0000 COMERIC ARREST 5 (S) M Chipman 4-9-4. L Reston (S) 4
3 0000 COMERIC ARREST 5 (S) M Chipman 4-9-4. C Bealty (F) 8
4-30 SLPPEN P NO F 13) W 6 M Turns 4-9-4. T Sports 8
7 -0-40 BOY EXAMENCY 15 lass 5 Smith 3-9-11. P Boomfaild 8
5 0000 PEVEN SULF DIAMOND 75 F Alegation 3-9-11. D Holland 3
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8,55 cm HANDICAP (£2,381: 50) (13) 1 0030 SOUPERFICAL 5 (V.C.D.F.S) J Glover 5-10-0... D Holland 1
2 -810 OLIESIS CHECK 11 (B.C.D.R.S) Miss J Cases 3-9-8
3 006- SIZZLING ROMP 358 B Thom 4-9-6... J Tates 12
4 0446 TAME DEER 5 C.G.9 M Chapters 4-9-5... C Scaley (7) 3
5 3567 MSED YOU BOOLY 12 (9,05) S Woods 3-9-5... D Biggs 7
6 2540 JEMSS WERTHORN 23 (8) B Solers 3-9-2... J Syrates 4
7 00-5 RIMS B THE FAMILY 12 (8) S old McCasel 4-9-1. G Carter 11
8 -500 TIME TO RLY 11 B Mattery 3-8-13... J V Halliday 9
8 ESD PETARBAR 18 Miss J Cases 3-4-10... J Lover 2
10 6534 OLIVINGS WITH BLE 5 (10,15) Miss J Cases 3-5-4 C Towns (6) 8
11 0-00 DALBHILSS FORT S (5,5) Mis V Accordy 5-7-10. M Bland (6) 8
12 2005 RANGOWARD 8 (7,5) E DESS 3-7-10... Moor Tailors 19
13 4005 DOUBLE SLOW 3 (20,7,6) M Sycraf 4-7-10... T Williams 15
14 Made V you Battle 9 (10,7,6) M Sycraf 4-7-10... T Williams 16

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANSPRS: J. Pasce, 4 winests from 16 numers, 25.0%, k. Nobuline, 7 hore 32, 21.5%, M. Masayher, 3 from 14, 21 #5. M Ryen, 20 herti 95, 71.1%, M. Jahrenton, 30 from 208, 19.2%, M. Prescoll, 16 from 114, 16.7%.

CCCCYN: D More. 32 sensers from 181 rides, 17.7%; D Holtand, 15 ron 67, 17.2%, forms O'Cornian, 30 from 191, 15 7%; C Yeogue, 22 hours 123, 13.6%; N Connection, 7 from 53, 13.2%; J Tais, 14 from 115, 11.0%.

Placepot: £23,50.

Catterick Bridge

Put up and shut up or prepare to meet thy maker

AFTER Atlanta has been hit by a tornado of global criti-cism — "When will the hegemonist mentality end?
[Liberation Daily of China] —
comes the backlash. The local paper, the Atlanta Constitution, and television station, Channel II, have been flooding us with booster stories in a way that Pravda in its heyday would have admired.

JULIAN HERRET

Atlanata is doin' just fahn and any problems are to do with walmin' foreign journal-ists. The mayor, Bill Camp-bell, who initially suggested, literally, shooting the messen-ger — "take the critics out to the shooting venue and get rid of them" - has not exactly backed down. "There are two games that are occurring," he said. "There's the game for the athletes, and then there is the

pampering of the journalists."
I am looking forward to the moment when the pampering starts. Luxuries like getting to an Olympic event on time (the athletes are rather keen on that too) and getting the results at the end.

"You'd think it was the end of the world," Channel 11 editorialised. It isn't. It's just not half as well organised as the Games in Seoul and Barcelona, that's all; it's a cock-up, and a graceless one to boot. But the sport? The sport is great. That is something they can't muck up. Not once they've got the athletes to the stadium anyway.

Life's a beach

Actually, it's not too bad here, provided you walk every-where in the Olympic village and take taxis everywhere else. But even this ploy has its problems. Colleagues covering the beach volleyball arrived by taxi to be told they were not permitted to walk through the gate, "No walk-ins!" How do we get in then? Go

back 22 miles, stand in line for an hour or so, catch the bus and it will drive you right through this bere gate. But we'll miss the beach volleyball if we do that. "No walk-ins."

So we had the farcical business of journos wildly flagging down official cars and buses, begging a lift for ten yards, getting out again and walking on to the volley-ball. With a salute from the gateman: "Have a nice day."

Body matters

Now a story about sex. The United States women's baskethall team have had their



SIMON BARNES

On Saturday

thunder stolen by the Australians. They are not only serious rivals for the gold medal, they have also turned the world's heads with some frightfully sexy lycra uni-

The traditional style for women's basketball is of applied brutalism: baggy shorts and loose functional tops. The Aussie women are strut-ting their stuff in black green and gold cozzies that aim to emphasise rather than conceal what they cover.

"We'd never go back to shorts and singlets," Trisha Fallon, one of the players, said. She added wisely: "Sex plays a part in a lot of things. That was the only way we were going to promote our sport, get it off the ground. Everybody in our teams has the body to wear them."

Happy delay

You read it here first: Christian Panucci will be the greatest footballer of all time. I can see no other possible outcome. Panucci was here in the United States for the Olympics and was supposed to captain their football team. A fine young right back, he was seen as the man to lead Italy to gold and glory. Alas, his knee went wrong in training and he had

to fly home at once for a cartilage operation. So he set off across the States to go home — but missed the plane. Infuriating - but he got another flight in the end, got home and is now recovering from the op. The plane he missed, of course, was TWA flight 800.

Selection defect

An odd fact about the Cuba Olympic beseball team: they have left their four best players at home — and they will all when the Olympic Games are over. High jinks? Disciplinary measure? Not a bit of it.

A clue: these exed players include Orlando Hernandez, a right-handed pitcher. He is brother of Livan Hernandez, who managed to defect from Cuba to the Florida Marlins this year, where he signed for \$4 million. Cuban players, most especially Cuban pitch-ers, are the current craze in the major leagues. The plain fact of the matter is that dropping the top men is a pre-emptive strike against defection.

Daly plumbs depths in second round

JOHN DALY, of the United States, shot an 18-over-par 89 in the second round of the Dutch Open at Hilversum yesterday before storming off the course in silence. The winner of the Open championship 12 months ago went out in a 15-over-par 51 before coming back in a respectable three-over-par 38.

Daly only managed to beat 90 by sinking a good putt at the final hole for his only birdie of the day. After a 75 yesterday, he finished with a 36-hole aggregate of 164, 22 over par and 33 shots behind the leader, Des Smyth, of

Newcastle in sell-off

Ireland, who shot a second-round 67 for a 131.

RUGBY UNION: Newcastle rugby club was part of a £12 million self-off by Newcastle United yesterday. United disposed of non-football interests ahead of a stock market flotation. They believe the club will be more attractive to the City without its rugby, ice bockey and basketball. Sir John Hall, the United chairman, will keep control of the other teams after shareholders agreed their sale to a company owned by United's directors.

England snatch title

SQUASH: Against all expectation, England snatched the world junior men's team squash championship from the defending champions, Egypt, in Cairo, last night, John Russell defeated the tournament's most awkward player, Karim el Mistikawi, 90, 59, 97, 96, and Lee Beachill overcame Ahmed Fairly, the new world junior champion, 9-5, 9-4, 5-9, 9-1, in a first-string encounter.

England tackle Brazil

POLO: Cartier International Day, the Hurlingham Associa-tion's annual gala afternoon, will be staged at Smith's Lawn. Windsor Great Park, tomorrow, when an English 23-goal quartet will meet a Brazilian team of similar handicap for the Coronation Cup. The second encounter, for the Prince Philip Trophy, will be contested by Ellerston White and CS Brooks.

Ascot

Going: good to firm 2.15 (61) 1. MAYFAIR (T Quinn, 4-5 lav); 2.15 (6l) 1. MAYFAIR (T Quinn, 4-5 tev); 2. Sleepless (D Holtend, 14-1); 3. Summeross (J Reld, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Dencing Cusen (4th), 20 My Hero (5th). 5 ran NR: Mystique 141, nk, 131, 41, P Cole at Whestcombe. Tota: 51 70; 51.20, 52.20. DF: 56.90 CSP: 59.68 ran Nit: Mysteche P. (18): 12: 20, 22: 20. DF: 63:00 CSF: C9:08

2.45 (2m 45yd) 1, BOLNVAR (T Ouinn, 6-1); 1-4sw); 2, Golden Arrow (R Hughes, 10-1), 3, State Theathe (D Holland, 25-1); 4. Heathardeh (S Sanders, 20-1), ALSO RAN: 6-1 J-law French by (6th), 13-2 Etterby Park, 14 Greet Oration (Sh), Jermy Street, 16 Argyle Conseller, Sacasola Storm, Turgenev, 20 Requested, The Lan, Toy Princess, 25 Soojama, 33 Shehrari, 50 Aude La Belle, Rising Spray, 65 Gentiernen Sid, Zajira 20 ran. Hd, 3kl, 4kl, 31 N R Akehusta at Epsorn, Tote: 51:0; E1:00, E2:00, E4:10, DF: 51:00, E2:00, E3:00, E4:10, DF: 51:00, E3:00, E3:0

2.95 (81) 1, Tiler (J Wesser, 3-1 fav); 2, Benzce (4-1); 3, Cheelry Chappy (5-1), 11 ran, Ns, 1 M. M. Johnston, Tota: £3,70; £1.90, £1.60, £2.10, DF; £7.30, Trio; £11.80, CSF: £15.20, Tricast, £52.92. 3.05 (1m 4f) 1, Frog (G Duffield, 1-3 ftw); 2, Field Of Vision (7-2); 3, Alwarqa (8-1), 4 ran, 214, 8t. M Prescott. Tota: £1 40. DF: £1,80. CSF: £2.08. 2.40 (7) 1, Union Town (3 Duffield, 11-4); 2. Hen Harrier (8-15 tav); 3, Nostalgio Ar (11-1), 6 nan. 11, 5l. M Prescott. Total: 84,10; 61.70, £1.10, DF: £1.80, CSF-£4.52 4.10 (7) 1. Intidab (R Hils. 1-10 tav); 2. Classic Form (10-1); 3. Balinsky (20-1), 6 ran. NN: Road Razer. 2. 1 M.I. J Gostfen. Tota: £1.10; £1.10, £3.20. DF: £2.50. CSF-12.15. \$2.15.
4.40 (1m) 1, Globe Runner (G Duffield, 12-1); 2. Lis Pedigo (7-1); 3, Born A Lady (5-1). 15 ran. MFt Organg, 34, et hd. J J O'Nea. Tota: 219.30; 23.50, 22.90, 22.90, DF: £71.70. Trio: 120.50, CSF: £93.97 Tricast: £459.71. No biol.

Interest: KASH,71. NO DIO.
5.10 (1m) 1, Sir Arthur Hobbs (T Siddell, 9-4 tay); 2, Flag Fan (8-1); 3, Anonym (10-1). B ran. 3(1, 131. J Eyra. Total: £3 10; £1.50. £2.60, £2.10. DF. £20.80. CSF: £18.70 Tricast: £124.36. Placepot £12.60. Quadpot £4.90. Wolverhampton Going: Standard

22.50, £1.20, £8.00. DF; £20.40. CSF; £25.94. Tricent 5072.55.
2.55 (Im 100yd) 1, Ethbeat (M Richarda, 3-1 lav), 2, Micolar's Princess (9-1); 3, Dome Pato (16-1), 13 ran, 34, 44, W Matr. Tota: £3.80; £2.00, £4.70, £1.60. DF; £4.40. Trio: £144.90 (part worr, pool of £108.10 carried forward to 5.00 at Ascot today). CSF £31.22.
3.25 (Im 17 79yd) 1, Deadline Time (K Darley, 5-1); 2, Haisbirt (9-4 lav); 3, Philister (17-1) 13 ran, NK, nK MR M Reveley, Tota: £7.60; £2.70, £1.20, £4.90. DF; £17.10. Trio: £21.20, CSF; £11.57, Tricest £123.48.
4.00 (60) 1, Pearl D'Azur (D R McCabe, 11-8 lav); 2, Serious Sansation (14-1); 3, Stackattack (33-1), 12 ran, NR: Press On Nicky, 294, 286; D Locks. Tota: £2.10; £1.74.0, CSF; £22.42, Press On Nicky, 10-10 withcharm, not usaler orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 5p in pound. pound.
4.30 (8) 1, Advance Repro (M Telobut;
11-4 lav); 2, Heaverly Miss (8-2); 3,
Abstone Queen (100-30), 7 ran. NR:
Sidopy Was A Kiwi 196, %L J Akshuns;
Toler E3.60, £1.30, £2.50, DF: £9.10, CSF:
215.03. 215.03.
5.00 (2m 46)(ci) 1, Millingmile (Miss V Morshall, 7-11, 2, Old School House (5-2, Iso); 3, Greek Night Out (7-2), 10 ran. Sh. nd, dl. B Smgrt. Tota: £7.70; £1.90, £1.80, £2.50. DF: £19.70, Tito: £12.60, CSF-225.30, Tricast: 009,18.

Chepstow Golfer good to firm
6.30 (1m 4f 23yd) 1, Augusten (Mr J
Culloty, 5-1 tay); 2, Spread The Word (251); 3, Cultatayed Welcome (10-1); 4,
Golden Hadder (33-1), 19 ran, 114, 11 5
Golfings, Tote; 25 30; 21.40, 26.70, 22.70,
215.80, DF: 2105.10, Trior 2397.90, CSF2109.03, Tricast; 21,118.04
8.55 (2m 40-40), 1, The Swen (M Curson) 6.55 (2m 49yd) 1, The Swen (W Carson, 13-8 lav); 2, Macmonis (3-1); 3, Seatle Sage (2-1), 4 ran, 3, 211 J Dunlop, Toter 52.30, DF: 53.50, CSF: 56 19. 7.25 (1m 2! 98yd) 1, Papering (O Urbina, 100-30 fev); 2, Paperin (4-1); 3, Bathilde (7-2), 7 m. 11/4, 2! L Cumani. Tote: \$4.30; 92,00, \$1,80. DF. \$5.40. CSF \$15.74. 7.55 (51 18yd) 1, Robellon (T Oulnn, 11-4): 2, Melbu Man (9-4 ise): 3, John O'Dreams (9-2), 8 ran, 134, 134, D Arbuthnot Tota: 22.50; £1.20, £1.30, £1.40 DF: £2.80, CSF: £3.57 Tricest: £21.81

Thursday's

late details

8.25. (6f 16/d) 1, Shadow Lead (Pat Edday, 1-2 fav); 2, Gablesea (40-1); 3, Brandon Jack (8-1), 5 am. 11, 4l, L Cumani Tota: £1,80; £1,10, £3,80, DF; £7,00, CSF: 100t 5 (1904) 1, King Parrot (Almas 2,55 (7 (8yd) 1, King Parrot (Almas Cook, 7-2 (8yl): 2, African-Pard (8-1); 3, Impraesible (8-1) 12 (an. NR: Audrey

Gallerick Bridge

Going: good to Sirm, good in places
8.40 (7); 1, Shortsine (K Sted, 6-1); 2,
Miletrien City (12-1); 3, Welcome Lu (25-1);
Corniche Quest 7-2 (1-10-0); 23-90, 28-30,
215-80. DF: 287-10. Tric. not won. CSF:
291.71. Tricset: 21,582-09.
7.10 (7); 1, Mirror Four Life (N Dey, 12-1);
2 Flotite (10-1); 3, Deshing Rockaville 85-1); Strice 2-1 tev. 10 ran. NR: Saver Rel. M.
291. M Tomplens. Tota: 217.00; 22-90,
24.00, 22-90. DF: 28-8-40. Tric: 2195-05.
CSF: 2118.27. Tricast: 2750-81.
7.40 (6) 212-201. Our Home Land (J CSF: £11827. (Inclusion 2010)
7.40 (Si £212); 1, Our Home Land (J. Weaver, 6-1); 2, Ocker (4-1); 3, Ricasto (Henra tay), 8 ran 1 Hr, Incl. M. Johnston. Totas: 29,70; 22.30, £1.30, £1.10 DF £28.50 CSF. £28.55. 226.00 CSF: 226.50 8.10 (7m ?! 177yd) 1, Izza IN Kennedy, Evens bay); 2, Lalvien (5-1); 3, Little Radwing (11-2), 4 ren. 11, 41, W Storey, Tota: £1,70, DF: £3,40, CSF: £5,55

Green, Hd., nls. Lord Huntingdon, Toke 24.30; C1.90, C2.00, C2.50, DF C12.00 CSF: C31.16 Thiosen: C201.42

Tota: £1.7t) DF: £3.40. CSF: £5.55.
8.40 [5] £12.cd) 1, Bolin Joanne (M Birch, 10-11 int); 2, Aliantic Storm [Evena); 3, Blazang Imp. (100-1). 5 ran. 84, 81. 7 Easterby, Tota: £1.90; £1.00, £1.70. DF: £1.10 CSF: £1.89.
8.10 (1m 3/214cd) 1, Contratine (J Westver, 9-2); 2, Campaspe (4-5 tav); 3, Dr £10ar (14-1), 10 ran. 1%, nk. W Jarvis. Tota: £5.00; £2.00, £1.40, £2.30. DF: £3.90. Thot £26.40. CSF: £9.01. Tricast; £49.10. Placapot; £78.70. Quedpot: £2.30.

MOTOR RACING

Villeneuve pinning hopes on victory to pressurise Hill

FROM OLIVER HOLT IN HOCKENHEIM

DAMON HILL and Jacques Villeneuve bumped and jostled in the pack yesterday and let the underdogs steal their thunder. As the pacemakers disappeared into the distance. the two Williams-Renault drivers sat tight down in the middle of the field with Pedro Diniz. They only had eyes for each other.

By the end of the first two practice sessions for tomorrow's German Grand Prix here, they were languishing in eighth and eleventh places respectively, surprising positions even on a day that was increasingly being used for experimentation and not for setting fast times.

Perhaps each was waiting for the other to make a move, put on a set of fresh tyres to raise the stakes by a second. Neither did and, when it was over and they were comfortably adrift of Gerhard Berger's leading time in his Benetton-Renault, neither seemed to care. The rest, even Michael Schumacher, struggling in his Ferrari in front of his home supporters, do not matter any more. Six races are left and it is down to Hill and

Both accept privately, too. that this is crunch time; that this year's world drivers' championship is likely to be won and lost on this track in the midst of the Hardtwald Forest, where the drivers reach speeds of more than 200mph. where power is everything and nerves are

PRACTICE TIMES: 1. G Berger (Austria, Benetron) 1mm 46 145sec: 2. D Coultherd (3B, MoLaren) 1 48 184, 3, E Irvine (Ire, Ferrari) 1 46 198, 4. J Alest (Fr. Bertetron) 1 46,234, 5, M Hulskren (Fr. MoLaren) 1 46,234, 6, M Bruncler (3B, Jordan) 1 46,487, 7, M Schumacher (3e, Ferrari) 1,46,939, 8, D Hill (3B, Williams) 1 45,998; 9, R Barrichello (Br. Jordan) 1 47,110 10, P Diraz (8r. Ligher) 1 47,534, 11, J Vitensuve (Can, Williams) 1 47,586, 12, O Penis (Fr. Ligher) 1 48,157, 14, J Harbert (3B, Sauber) 1 48,157, 14, J Harbert (3B, Sauber) 1 48,157, 14, J Harbert (3B, Sauber) 1 49,220; 15, M Salo (Fin, Tyrnell) 1 49,629, 17, U Katsyarne (Jepen, Tyrnell) 1,49,843, 18, P Larry (Por, Marach) 1:50,872, 20, G Roscel (8r, Footwork) 1:50,872, 20, G

DETAILS FROM HOCKENHEIM

REMAINING GRANDS PRIX: TO

jangling. They have remained meticulously friendly with each other, but both know that the battle is now truly joined. Hill has reacted with rela-

tive sang froid to the rumours that are bouncing around about his future, but he would not be human if he was not unsettled by them at such a crucial stage of the season. Still, he kept his nose ahead of his team-mate yesterday, pronounced himself unconcerned by his position and said he could have gone much quicker had he used fresh tyres, as the McLaren-Mercedes and Benetton-Renaults did.

For the first time this season, though, his lead in the race for the championship does not look impregnable. Villeneuve is circling. The Englishman still has a richly deserved 15-point lead, but his mechanical failure at Silver-

> The team has not been quite so competitive here as at some other circuits, but that does not matter. I am closer to Damon here than I have been at other tracks I did not know. I am confident and I believe I can overhaul him. I feel more assured and experienced now. It is getting easier for me. If it between us, I can win. It was like that at Silverstone, at least until the first corner."

to learn.

At Benetton, a team still adapting to life without Schumacher, Flavio Briatore, their managing director, was Berger: fastest in practice at his most laconic. At lunchtime, he stood in his motor home and surveyed the diners at the tables. "We are only good at making pasta now," CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS (after ten rounds) Drivers: 1. Hill 63pts, 2, Villenauve 48, 3, Schumacher 26: 4, Alesi 25: 5 equal, Coulthard, Berger and Haldonan 16, 8, Pariss 11, 9, Barrichelto 10, 10, Invine 9, 11, Frentzen 6, 12, Salo 5, 13, Herbert 4, 14, Brundle 3; 15 equal, Verslappen and Druz 1 Constructions: 1. Williams 111pts, 2, Benetton 41; 3, Ferrair 35: 4, McLaren 32, 5, Jordan 13, Ligner 12, 7, Sauber 10; 8, Tyrreli 5, 9, Foolwork 1. he said, with a grin. "It is important to be the best at something.

Villeneuve's win there has

striking distance.

determined to take it.

that had. This race is going to

An hour later, Berger gave him some faster food to chew on, but the Austrian was not over-confident. "I am happy to be quickest, but it is too early to say anything much fur-ther," he said. "I would be happy to make it to the second row in qualifying and then finish the race and make it to the podium."



Smith shows splendid form as she leads Essex. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

Happy outing for Smith

BY ALIX RAMSAY

COUNTY Week may be a throwback to a bygone era of British tennis, as the week progresses it may be more a test of leg power than skill and in Eastbourne it may be watched by more seagulls than people, but it still has its compensations. There is the achievement of winning 15 matches in a row for a start. For Sam Smith, achieving that feat is not to be sneezed at. not this year, at least.

Since the start of the year. her life has been a series of medical disasters. In February, she was sidelined with shin splints, only to sprain both ankles as soon as she came back. Three weeks later, she came down with chicken pox while playing in Poland. Added complications landed her in hospital for a week. "It seems like every time I get

going, I grind to a halt again." she said. Not that she is too worried. At the start of the year, she was ranked outside the top 300 in the world, but now, despite the setbacks, she has moved up to No 220.

Playing three doubles matches a day against the hasbeens, might-have-beens and never-really-stood-a-chance brigade that make the annual trip to Eastbourne may not be quite what the doctor ordered as Smith tries to make her way back up the world rankings. but she is still happy to be a part of it all. "I find this really useful," she said. It made up for her latest medical trauma - a bad case of prickly heat.

Yesterday, she rounded off ther unbeaten sequence at Devonshire Park alongside Mary Collins, beating Julia Boden and Chrissie Tee, of Surrey.

7-6, 6-3, as Essex retained their title for the fourth year. The only blot on an otherwise unblemished Essex record was the defeat of Helen Crook and Amanda James in their final match. It ended Crook's unbeaten run of 59 consecutive

rubbers over four years. Surrey won the men's title in their first year back in group one, yesterday waltzing past relegated Derbyshire Derbyshire will be joined in group two next year by Leicestershire, who were trounced 9-0 by Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. In the women's event, Kent and Surrey were relegated.

As for Devonshire Park, the venue lost its chance to stage Britain's Davis Cup-tie In September, Britain will now take on Egypt at Wimbledon

RUGBY LEAGUE

Broncos may prove final test for Gibbs

By DAVID MADDOCK

SCOTT GIBBS, the St Helens centre, will travel to the capital today with a sentimental tear in his eye. The game against London Broncos looks certain to be his last for the club he has helped steer to the verge of the inaugural Stones Super League championship.

Gibbs is set on a return to rugby union, the sport where he first made his name, and St Helens revealed yesterday that a £200,000 transfer is likely to be concluded next week, thus preventing him from taking part in the tense run-in as St Helens challenge Wigan for the right to become the first summer champions.

It is a difficult decision for Gibbs as he would like to be there to see the side he has served so well over the last two seasons crowned. Instead, he will have to content himself today to helping St Helens overcome what many people believe will be the toughest of their remaining games.

St Helens need to win their last five games to ensure that they remain at the top of the Super League and the mercurial skills of the admittedly-inconsistent Broncos, especially at their London ground, is never an easy prospect. Gibbs believes that victory will go a long way to securing that elusive title. "We do not think that any game is easy now, but we know that we must win this one and we know that Broncos are determined to make it as tough as possible for us," he said.

David Howes, the St Helens chief executive, admitted that it would be a blow losing one of their most influential players on the last leg of the title race. Given the interest of Swansea, who are favourites to sign their former player, Howes believes he had no choice. "We said all along that we wouldn't stand in Scott's way," he said.

He told us that he wanted to return to union and we accepted that, we told him that we would allow it provided the deal was right for the club. There is an improved offer on the table and it is looking like it will go through next week. The move will turn Gibbs

career full circle, as he left Swansea two years ago to move north in a £250,000 deal. His sentiments have always remained with union and the riches now on offer after the game turned professional proved irresistible

St Helens will have Andrew Northey, their loose forward, back after a two-game ban and Broncos will welcome back Terry Matterson, and Gavin Allen from injury.

Offiah fails to sign in time for leading role

LONDON Broncos failed to ons of rugby league. Offiah complete the transfer of Martin Offiah yesterday in time to display him as their new signing for the game against St Helens, the Stones Super League leaders, tonight (David Maddock writes).

The deal, however, will go through this weekend, putting Offiah in line to become the first dual international in both rugby codes. London were keen to complete the transfer before the 5pm deadline which would have given Offiah a high-profile debut against St Helens as they pursue their ambition of becoming the inaugural summer champi-

will combine his role in league with a winter season for Bedford rugby union club. who are backed by Frank Warren, the boxing promoter. Warren has vowed to inject large sums of money into the club to put them among the

Offiah is seen as the perfect league man to switch codes, as he started his career with Rosslyn Park in union. Hís deadly finishing instinct is undimmed and it is assume. he could soon become a full international at union as well as league, where he is a fixture in the Great Britain team.

ONLY IN TOMORROW'S

Player close to being disqualified

By MEL WEBB

GARY PLAYER was foolherdy enough to tangle with Big Bertha yesterday and emerged from the experience distinctly second best. He was not a happy man, but he was undoubtedly a wiser one.

The Big Bertha in this case is not a piece of First World War heavy artillery, an oversized and expensive metal golf club or even a particularly hefty lady of easy virtue, but a huge expanse of sand, the oiggest bunker in Northern

It forms the main hazard on the 17th hole at Royal Portrush, where Player was playing in the second round of the Senior British Open. Player went into it off the tee, found that his ball was buried in the sand and, after scrabbling around, eventually found it. He moved it no more than five yards, deemed it unplayable when it landed in thick rough, played four from behind the bunker, then chipped and two-putted for a seven.

It was not until he had finished a round of 74 that David Garland, the tournament director, told him that, under Rule 12.1, he should have re-covered the ball with sand before playing it. A twostroke penalty was imposed and the seven on Player's card was erased and a nine substituted.

"I have been playing golf for 46 years and I did not know that," a grim-faced Player said. "It's just a good job David told me about it before I signed my card, or else I would have been disqualified." The day before the tournment started. Player said he was still coming to Britain to play because he might just learn something". Yesterday, he did.

Meanwhile, Neil Coles had a 70 to finish on 137, seven under par, level with Bob Charles and Brian Barnes, the defending champion, whose 65 improved his first round by seven shots. Tom Wargo, of the United States, the winner in 1994, is a shot

MINIOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONESHIP: (Innel day of two) Askam: Cumberland 240 and 197 (Cl J Clarice 54, N Sarjed 5-50), Stationdshire 222-6 (A J Dution 59) and 119-5. March drawn Kimbotton School: Cambridgeshire 136 and 342-4 (S A Kellett 126 not out, B T P Donelan 90); Buckinghernshire 198-5 and 239-7 (N D Burns 83), Match drawn.
BAN HOGG TROPHY (one Say): Tauriton; Hampshire 271-9 (P Whitaker 97, D Mascarenas 84, M Desmond 4-42), Somerset 25-9 (I C Heijert 86, S Venture 4-59), Hampshire won by 16 ruts, Bournemoutht Worcester 165. Hampshire won by tour 167-6 (D Leathendale 6-29). Hampshire won by tour

SCHOOLS MATCH: Arundel: Waltham Forest under 15 278, Choydon Schools under 16 224. Waltham Forest won by 54 runs.

FOOTBALL

UEFA CUP CUALIFYING ROUND DRAW (British teams only): Group A: PC Kosice (Slovekia) v Celtic Group C: Zaighte Villadi (Jun) v Aberdeen, Budapest Vasutas (Hun) v Bany Town Prist leg. August 8, second lon August 20 v Barry Town First leg, August 8, second leg, August 20. PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Harrow Borough 0 Queens Park Rangers XI 4: Guiseley 2 Bredtood City 0, Potrobronough 1 Coventry City 4: Lancaster 1 Botton Wanderess 1; Gloucester City 2 Birmingham City 3; Frin Harps 3 Dundea 1, Carshellon 0 Brentfood 1, Barrow 0 Carlisle United 3, Ards 0 Partick Thiete 3, Brechin 0 Heart of Micilathian 2; Tow Law 3 Darlington 2
MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER; Columbus 1 Tampa Bay 0.

GOLF

Hit.VERSUM, Holland: Dutch Open: Early leading second-round scores (G8 and ire unless slated) 131: D Smyth 64 67, 132 M McNutty (2ml 57, 65 134: S Cage 67, 67, 132 M McNutty (2ml 57, 65 134: S Cage 67, 67, 132 M McNutty (2ml 57, 65 134: S Cage 67, 67, 14 Huston (US) 69 65 135: D Galford 68, 67; C Suneson (Sol 68, 67, 136: D Howell 71, 68, R Goosen (SA) 70, 68, D Feherty 65, 71, P O'Malley (Aus) 67, 69, 137; A Johnstone (2m) 69 68 P Waten 69, 68, F Nobio (N2) 69, 68 I Born (Den) 71, 68 138: G Chalmers (Aus) 72, 56; C Mason 69, 69; R Davis (Aus) 68, 70, A Haglund (Swe) 68, 70 Sturia (Sp) 69, 69, 138; M Moutend 71, 68, V Risoy (Aus) 68, 71; H Clark 70, 69, D Clarke 69, 70; P Golding 69, 70; P Linhert (Sp) 70 69; S Ames (Inn) 71, 68 140: J Phinora (Sp) 71, 69; P Affleck 70, 70; R Wessels (SA) 71, 69; M Roo 71, 69; P Eales 68, 72; P Affleck 70, 70; P Golding 69, 71; P Seader 72, 69; P (17) P (17) P (17) P (18) P (18)

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PORTRUSH: Senior British Open: Lead-PORTRUSH: Senior British Open: Lead-PCRTRUSH: Senior British Open: Leading first-round scores (GB and ire uniose stated) 67: R Smethurst, N Cokes, M Gregson, 68: I Wargo (US), R Charles (NZ) T Horton, 69: M McCortrie, S Lancasker (US), P Green, 70: C Evener, (US), D Simon (US) G Poimer (SAI, J Morgan, R Vries (Aus), B Irving (US), SAGGART, Dublin: Guardian Irish Open, Leading first-round scores (GB and iru uniess stated): 69: A Nicholas 70: A Snapodit, 7 Johnson 71: L Jerosen (US), P Grice-Writtsler, L Davies, G Stewart, C Schritt (Fr), D Barnard S Enkson (Swo) 72: T Flocher (Gor), A Riogers, M Pretrillin, F Dassu (ti), M-L do Lorona (Fr), 73: H Koch (Swo), V McLaud (Fr), A M Knight (Aus), L Brooky (NZ), W Dicks, S Dallongeville (Fr), S Gustation (Swe), N Firik (Austria), L Werma

FOR THE RECORD

(Holl), J Mills (Aus), L Navarro (Spi, P Megnier Labouc (Fr)
LITTLE ASTON: English women's emetaur strokeplay championship: Leeding final secrets 280: S Gallagher (Frentham Park) 69, 73, 74, 74 297: E Raccidle (Sanchway) 74, 77, 72, 74; J Hockley (Felestowe Ferry) 77, 78, 70, 74 298: K Supplex (Royal Crique Ports) 79, 74, 73, 72, 298: R Hudson (Wheatley) 72, 79, 78, 70 301: J Oliver (Knebworth) 77, 74, 73, 77, 308: L Watters (Chewn) 77, 80, 76; 73, 310: K Rostron (Citheron) 77, 80, 76, 84 314: Ghorme Manor) 73, 80, 76, 84 314: Shepherd (Worplesdon) 81, 80, 78, 78; D Rushworth (Woodsone Hall) 77, 78, 216: Shepherd (Worplesdon) 81, 80, 78, 78; D Fushworth (Woodsone Hall) 77, 78, 78, 318: Shepherd (Worplesdon) 81, 80, 78, 78; D Fushworth (Woodsone Hall) 77, 78, 78, 318: Shepherd (Worplesdon) 81, 81, 78 318: F Brown (Hesswall) 76, 81, 81, 78, 317:

Rushworth (Woodsome Half) 77, 79, 81, 78
318; F Brown (Heswall) 76, 81, 81, 78
316; F Brown (Heswall) 76, 81, 81, 78
317; K Hamilton (Cotswold Hills) 77, 76, 85, 78
C Marron (Bromborough) 79, 81, 78, 79
BORTH AND YNYSLAS GC: Weish Boye
Chemptonship: Semi-Breis: M Griffiths
(Woodlake Park) bt O Pugns (Otwesny) 3
and 2; A Smith (Rhondda) bt M Jones
(Weshalm) 1 hole Final: Smith bt Griffiths
at 19th

RUGBY LEAGUE

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The lot of the British swimmer is poised to improve. Simon le Fevre, who works in the City and has helped to fund 12

of the national squad of 28 in Alianta, has written to The Times to pledge \$5,000 in support of British swimming. "I challenge businessmen and women up and down the country each to match this sum." The Fevre writes At the same time, Richard Freer a businessman, called the BBC in other sponsorable to heart state.

same time, Richard Freer a businessman, called the BBC to ofter sponsorship to James Hickman, who set national 100 and 200 metres butterfly records, but has meagre funding. A far cry from the riches enjoyed by the Great White Shark, who licated in on Team Australia this week Greg Norman was seen down by the pool, but a source denied that Kieren Perkins, the defending 1,500 metres champion, would now go the distance before choking on the last length. As well as the golder, other notables beside the pool this week are Jimmy Carter, the former President, the Clintons, present incumbents of The White House, and Bruce Willis and Demi Moore, the film sters.

Michael Johnson and Butch Reynolds are the world's

fastest 400 metres runners, the probable gold and silver medal-winners going into the first round of the competition last night. While they were finishing first and second at the world championships last summer, the man who would join them a year later as the third member of the United States learn, Alvin Harrison, was not even thistography.

thinking about being an athlete. He was living in a car, sharing with Calvin, his brother. Calvin slept in the front, Alvin in the back. Because of family difficulties, they had been on their own since they were high echool juniors. "We have had to fend for ourselves, work odd jobs," Alvin and the state of the state

said "Given that situation, track was the last thing on our

minds." Then they left their car and shifted their lives into gear in November they started training and both qualified for the Olympic trials, Cavin going out in the semi-finals, "They say humility before honour," Avin said. "Going through those situations makes you stronger."

Wayne Roycroft, the trainer of the Australia three-day event team that won the gold medal, looked momentarily non-plussed when asked what he had said to his four

riders in order to produce such fast, attacking cross-country rounds, "I don't need to say anything," Roycroft said. "My problem is to slow them down. Wendy Schaetter, my first rider, broke her leg nine weeks ago but she would have done the course ien seconds inside the

time, given half a chance." Roycroft should not have been surprised it was his tather, Bill, who set the standard for Australian three-day event riders when competing at the 1960 Games Roycroft Sr broke his shoulder in a bad fall

on the cross-country and was taken to hospital. Hearing

the next day that one of the remaining team horses had tailed the final inspection, he discharged himself and arrived at the course in time for the final showjumping phase, where he completed a clear round to help secure

Reports: Cralg Lord, David Powell, Jenny MacArthur

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HOT SPOT

Jonathan Edwards is Great Britain's best

prospect for a gold medal at these Games. The BBC Sports Personality of the Year for 1995, after his world-record triple jump to win the world championships in Gothenburg last year, Edwards's easygoing and modest manner is refreshing. Tonight, Edwards looks to beat a strong field to cement his place in sporting history.

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Officials were not surprised when they had to confiscate a competitor's bat during the women's singles competition this week. Ever since police raided a Tokyo sports shop a lew years ago, and a player keeled over at the Scottish championships, it has been widely known how dangerous championships, it has been widely known how dangerous some of the glues are that have been used to hold bats together in the recent past. There was not a great deal of surprise, then, when the glue of the bat in question was found to have 17 times the acceptable level of todcity. Players often try different "last" glues to adhere rubber to the blades because they can enhance the speed of the ball of the bat. ball off the bat. They were a little annoyed that Sonia Touati had to be searched out in the playing hall after her name had been randomly selected for testing. But what amazed them was that the Tunisian did not use another, legal, bat instead she said she had no other bat. Nor did she know anyone from whom she could borrow one Eventually, she had to be defaulted.

Susi Susanti and Allan Budi Kusuma, the engaged couple who won badminton's first two gold medals at the sport's Olympic debut in Barcelona four years ago, are not — as has been widely reported ever since — going to retire after the Games this year Fear not, the low-birds from Indonesta do abili plan to marry next year, but the trouble is that they do not quite know what they will do when their globetrotting is over. More precisely, Alan does not know that betting is over. globetrofting is over More precisely. Allan does not know what he will do, and so he will continue playing badminton for another 12 months while trying to discover what line of work to go into Susi does know, but she wants to play on on a part-time basis while "learning how to be a housewrite" Susi is, however, completely sure that she knows how to handle the next few days. "I want enother gold, which "will give to Allan as a wedding present," she says. "What I like about her is she is so tough." Allan adds: "If she says something will happen, it usuelly does from not fount." The straid I first care." I'm not lough I'm atraid I just care

Reports Andrew Longmore, Richard Eaton

TODAY AT THE GAMES

Australia's first team gold medal

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ATHLETICS. Men: 800m, first round (15 00), hammer qualitying (16 30 and 18 00) triple jump, linal (23 00), 100m, semi-finals (23.35); 400m, second round (23.55), 100m, linal (01.00) Women: Heptathkon, 100m hurdles (14 15), heptathkon, high jump (15 30), 400m, second round (16 00); heptathkon, shot (22,30); 100m, semi-finals (23 15); javelin, linal (00 20); 800m, semi-linals (00 25), 100m, final (00 45); heptathkon, 200m (01 15); 10,000m, linals (01 35).

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BADMINTON: Women's singles and men's doubles (14.00), mixed doubles and women's doubles (19.00), women's doubles (01.00)

BASEBALL: Men's preliminary round: Nicaragua v Japan (15.00) Cuba v Italy (20.00); United States v Australia (12.00)

BASKETBALL: Women's preliminary round: Zaire v Korea (15 00); Ukraine v Cuba (17 00); Japan v Italy (20 00); China v Brazil (22 00), Australia v United States (01 00), Russia v Canada (03.00) BEACH VOLLEYBALL: Men's semi-finals (15.00 and 19.00); women's bronze medal match (15.00 and 19.00).

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CANOEING: Statom: Men's Canadian singles (16.40 and 20 00), women's kayak singles (15 00 and 18.20).

CYCLING: Men: Sprint, quarter-finals (16 15) and sem-finals (18.05), team pursuit, semi-finals (16 45) and final (18 30). Women: Individual pursuit, semi-finals (16 30) sprint final (17 05) (16.30), sprint final (17.05) DIVING: Women's platform, semi-finals (16.30) and final (03.00).

EQUESTRIANISM: Team dressage, first day (13 30 and 20 00).

FOOTBALL: Men: Quarter-finals (23.00 and 01.30)
HANDBALL: Men's preliminary round: Pool A: Switzer-land v Kuwalt (17.00): Sweden v Russia (19.30), Croatia v United States (00.00), Pool B: Spain v Algeria (15.00)
Germany v Egypt (21.30), France v Brazil (02.00)
HOCKEY: Men's preliminary round: Pool B: Malaysia v Australia (14.00), South Africa v Great Britain (22.30), Holland v South Korea (01.00) Women's round-robin: Spain v Korea (14.00), Holland v Argentina (16.00) ROWING: Finals: Men: Coxdess pairs (15.10) double sculls (15.40), covdess fours (16.20), single sculls (17.00) Women: Coxdess pairs (15.20), double sculls (16.00), single sculls (16.40), single sculls (16.40) SHOOTING: Men's 50-metre free ritle, three positions, preliminaries (13.30) and final (19.30); men's skeet, preliminaries (13.30) and final (17.30)
SOFTBALL: Round-robin: Australia v Canada (14.00), Holland v Puerto Rico (16.30); Unifed States v China (23.30); Japan v Taiwan (02.00)

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TENNIS' Men's and women's singles, third round, men's and women's doubles, second round (all 15 00). VOLLEYBALL, Men's preliminary round: Pool A: Argentina v Cuba (21 (0) Bulgaria v Poland (23 30) Brazil v United States (00,30) Pool B. Russia v Italy (15 00), Yugostavia v Holland (17 30); South Korea v Tunisia

WATER POLO: Classification matches (16.00) and WEIGHTLIFTING: Under 91kg, Group B (17.30) and group A (final, 21.00), YACHTING: Two races to be sailed in each class, men's and women's Mistral, men's Finn, men's and women's

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OLYMPIC GAMES: TITLE AT THIRD SUCCESSIVE GAMES ELEVATES HUNGARIAN TO HALL OF FAME

Egerszegi and Popov prove class apart

MANY giants of sport grace the hall of fame, but few deserve a room of their own. Krisztina Egerszegi and Alexander Popov earned that honour at the Georgia Tech pool, the Hungarian woman emulating the triple gold achievement of Dawn Fraser, the Australian legend, the Russian becoming the greatest sprinter in history.

Fraser, the only swimmer before Egerszegi to have won the same Olympic title at three successive Games, in the 100 metres freestyle in 1956, 1960 and 1964, had to watch the Hungarian from a hospital fered heart pains earlier in the week. Egerszegi, 2!, from Budapest, was in a class apart, with victory in the 200 metres hackstroke in 2min 7.83sec. a. race in which her nearest rivals finished more than four seconds adrift and became all but irrelevant. She will retire as the first swimmer to win five individual Olympic gold medals.

Popov has four, the Russian. unbeaten in long-course racing since 1990, retaining his 50 metre title three days after becoming the first man since Johnny "Tarzan" Weissmuller in 1928 to keep the 100 metre crown. His time was 22.13sec, the fastest in the world this was back four years on to win in Barcelona, where the year, compared with the 22.26sec of Gary Hall Jr, the son of the man who won a Kiralyno (Queen Krisztina) in silver medal behind Mark Hungary was also victorious Spitz in the 200 metres butterin the 100 metres backstroke and 400 metres medley. She fly in 1972. has set five world records and

However, it was the Hungarian, following in the footsteps of Fraser, who stole the show. She had first won the 200 metres in Seoul in 1988.



realing the backstroke title for a third time; Popov raises his arm in triumph

ships at Athens in 1991, but, in on her forehead to strengthen

her neck, was ahead of worldrecord pace in the 200 metres. but faded fractionally over the second half. The effort, though, was the sixth-fastest ever in a list of top-ten times in which only two women - He Cihong, of China, and Betsy Mitchell, of the United States join Egerszegi's eight best figures.

A ten-minute standing ovation followed her 2min 6.62sec world record in the 200 metres at the European champion-

Atlanta, the 15,000 crowd was not as knowledgeable and was more concerned with the second-placed Whitney Hedgepeth, of the United States. They seemed to be oblivious to skill before them, Egerszegi's mastery of water such that the element appears to make way for her. Egerszegi, who did not

swim the 100 metres at the Georgia Tech pool because she was "too old", clocked a faster time in the medley relay

Table tennis

PRELIMINARY ROUND: Yaping Dung (Chine): bt L Lomas (GB) 21-14, 21-8.

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Volleyball

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15-6, 16-16 POOL B: Raly bt Holland 15-8, 15-8, 15-13 Yugodawa bt Turnoa 7 15-4, 15-17, 15-3, 15-3 Rusala bt South Korea 15-8, 15-4, 16-14.

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than that which won the individual title here and passed the halfway mark of 200 metres in a time that would have won her the bronze medal in the individual event. She postponed retirement in 1994 after defeat and loss of her 100 metre world

Egerszegi, who said she had

win the world title and break the world record in 1994, but finished 26th here, in Imin 5.87sec. compared with her lmin 0.losec world record.

After her swansong effort. the Hungarian said through a translator: "I think it's terrible that she is world recordholder. The result here was unbelievable. She [the Chinesel is much weaker, her arms have lost all their strength. It's impossible for

Hockey hopes hanging by a slender thread

FROM SYDNEY FRISKIN

GREAT Britain's chances of qualifying for the semi-finals of the men's hockey tournament hung by a slender thread after their 2-2 draw with Malaysia in pool B on Thursday night. Victory against South Africa today would mean their fate would be decided on Monday, when they meet Australia.

South Africa have earned a reputation for resilience, having fought back to draw I-l with Australia. Better still. they cancelled out a 3-1 lead gathered by South Korea. Their forward, Greg Nicol.

has scored four goals in three matches and will have his sights trained on the British goal today. Calum Giles has again been Britain's mainstay, with four goals in three matches from short corners.

He was denied another attempt amid chaotic scenes at the end of the match against Malaysia. With about 20 secands left on the clock. Britain were awarded what would have been their sixth short corner, but time ran out.

in those last fleeting seconds. Britain wanted to change their goalkeeper. Had the opportunity to do so been granted, the clock would have had to have been stopped and Britain would have had time to sort out the pattern for that

last short corner. The substitution sign was shown, but neither of the umpires saw it and the corner was never taken. "We put in an official protest which was later withdrawn as it would have been futile," David Whittle, the manager, said.

Holland enhanced their chances of a place in the last four from the same group with a thrilling 3-2 victory over Australia, who took the lead when Sproule scored after a scramble. De Nooyer levelled the score soon after. Hager restored Australia's advantage, but, almost on half-time, Bovelander provided a second equaliser from a short corner. Van den Honert won the match for Holland late in the second half.

Yesterday, Germany put themselves in a strong position to qualify for the semi-



finals from pool A with a 3-0 victory over Australia. The Germans have only the United States to beat in their final

United States, who lost 2-1 to Argentina, decided to go to the jury of appeal after their protest over time-wasting was

In their match, the clock was stopped with two seconds to go because of an injury to an Argentinian player. When play was restarted, a shot from the last short corner of the match, by the United States captain, Barbara Maroi, was deflected.

The Americans protested that the clock should have been stopped earlier to give them more time to prepare for

THURSDAY'S LATE RESULTS FROM ATLANTA

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POOL A: Rueste 75 telly 70; Brazil 100 Japan 80, Green 61 Genado 49 POOL 8: United States 107 Zaire 47, South Korea 72, Ukrame 67, Australia 75 Cuba 63

Boxing Bantamweight

BECOND ROUND: R Numbers on Russ) to A Boulette (Right sea Stort md., R Boulette (Rr) et al. (Cursa) by Z Rahvern (US) rec 2nd md. U Teayer-Clidov (Mong) to Basic R-woong S Kory pts., C Obsaco (Plant) to Reach (Run) pts., V Khedoo (Rhan) to C Biorreto (Verr) pts., H Negli (Wor) bit J Notesco (Dom R) pts., I Koveso (Hun) tot K Khesenov (Tea) pts.

SECOND ROUND: M Simon (Rom) bt F Vargas (US) pix H Al (Den) bt S Dontanus (Uhr) pits, J Hernandez (Oube) bi V Mezga (Belo) pits, N Shanov (Haz) bi A Rasheed (Polo) pits (N Shanov (Haz) bi N Kassenov (Nyr) pits, O Sallov (Paus) bt Bee Ho-jo (S Kor) pits; N Chaster (Tun) bi V Kaspackauskas (Lith) not list mid. D Bentou (P Rico) bt K Laheen (Mor) pits.

Heavyweight SECOND ROUND: N Jones (US) bt F Okeoole (GB) rac 3rd md, stang Tao (China) bt C Keze (Uga) pta. C Mandy (Fr) bt O Bei (Rom) rac. 2nd md; D Defispbon (Can) bt A Omar (Ken) pta 15-4; S Dychov (Belo) bt G De She (N2) pta: L Krasniq (Ger) bt I Kohmin (Rus) pta; G Kandelaid (Georgie) bt W Barthis (Pol) pta; F Savon (Cuba) ko h Turksion (Swe) 2nd md

Women's Individual pursuit CUALIFYING ROUND (top eight to cuarter-finals) Cualifiers: 1, A Selturd (ft) 3mm 34 1305ec; 2, M Clignet (Ft) 3 35 774 3, Y McGregor (GB) 3395-45, 4, R 74/ng (US) 3.39 849; 5, J Amdt (Gor) 3 40 335, 8, 5 Umer (N2) 3 43 176, 7 R Mazentyre (Lith) 3 43 590; 8, K Watt (Aus.) 3 43 558

Fencing

Men's team foil INCOME PANALIC Ruman of Come 45-44, Folland of Austria 45-38 BROADE MEDIAL BOUT: CLAS OF AUGUS FINAL: Russia bt Poland 45-40 Women's team foil

SEMI-FINALS Romana bit Germany 45-39, taly bit Hungary 45-42 BRONZE MEDAL, BOUT: Germany bit Huri-gary 45-42. FINAL: Italy bit Romenta 45-33.

ARCHERY: Men's and women's in-dividual ranking round (14 00 and

ATHLETICS: Men; 110m hurdles, first

Anal.E. (10.5 Men; 10m nurous, instround (15.45); hannier, final (20.45); long jump, qualitying (22.15); high jump, hinal (23.00), 100m hundles, second round (23.30), 800m, second round (00.15); 400m, sami-finals (01.20) Women; Marathon (12.00); healthful term und (16.00) discontinuation.

(U120) Women: Marathon (12.00): heplathlon, long jump (15.00). discus, qualifying (15.05 and 18.35): 400m hurdies, heats (16.30) heptathlon, seen finals (00.55): 5,000m, final (01.40).

(01.45); heptathlon, 800m (final event,

BADMINTON: Men's and women's doubles, quarter-finals (14.00) men's and women's singles, quarter-finals

BASEBALL: Round-robin: South Ko-rea v Holland (15.00). United States v

Cuba (20.00); Nicaragua v Australia

(01 00)

BASKETBALL: Men's prefiminary round: Pool A: China v Lithuania (15.00); Croatia v United States (00 00); Argentina v Angola (03 30).

Pool B: Australia v Greece (17.00):

Yugoslavia v Puerto Rico (22 00); Brazil v South Korea (01.30)

BEACH VOLLEYBALL: Men's bronze

BOXING: Second round: Flyweight, light-welterweight and light-heavy-weight (18.30 and 01.00).

All times BST

Football

Men's preliminary round POOL C: Italy 2 South Korea, 1 Ghana, 1 Maxico 1 POOL D: Brazil 1 Nigens 0: Japan 3 Hun-gary 2

when she was 14 and the

lightest competitor in the final

being the East Germans. She

woman they call Krisztina

won two world and nine

Egerszegi, one of whose

exercises is to swim with a box

European titles since 1989.

42lb, her main opposition

Women's preliminary round POCLA: Sweden 3 Demank 11 United St.

Gymnastics Women's all-round

Handball

POOL A: Numer, 22 Crosts 31, Senzurier Swinder 36, Pauso 31 United States 16 POOL B' Algerie 22 France 23, Spain 22 Germany 20; Egypi 31 Brazil 20

Hockey

Men's preliminary round POOL III. South Airtea 3 South Novel II. (I Britain 2 Meleyser 2, Holland 3 Australia 2

PWDLFA Women's round-robin

Great Britain 2 Spein 2, Holland 4, Germeny 3, Australia 3 South Koree 3, Argentina 2 United Status 1

Men's under 65kg

POOL A. Second round: J Quivos (CS) to A Soch (Son), J Lewek (Pol) bit 7 Toro (Spi, O Fuenies (US) bit S Achnov (Kaz) P Lazis (Sei) bit G Revezshvill (Georgia), T Tan (Carr) bit Zhang Casangun (Chine), M Almeida (Por) bit Gorg (II), I Hernandez Ranse (Caba) bit D Fagon (Aus): U Cuellmath (Ger) bit F Figurero (Don R). Trind round: Lewek to Davies Leads bit Fuenies: America bit Tan, Quellmath Hornandez Plants: Promision Primary
POOL B: Second round: P Nyamihages
(Mong) to P Lauen (Fin); Y Nakamura (Jespan)
to I Matstye, (Rue) T Makhamedichamo; (Job)
to A Molne (And), I Nelov (Bul) bi C Werd (Ru)
J Csak (Hurl) bit M Aga (India); D Machamo
(SA) bil Settano (Uru) H Gurmatous (Bi) bi L

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CANCEING: Salon: Mm's Canadan pairs (15 00 and 18.20) and kayak singles (15.55 and 19.15).

CYCLING: Men: Points race, final

(16 15); sprint, final (17.20) Women: Individual pursuit, final (17.25); points

EOUESTRIANISM: Team dressage,

FOOTBALL: Men: Quarter-finals (21 00 and 01.00) Women: Semi-finals (20.00 and 00.30).

GYMNASTICS: Men's and women's

HANDBALL: Women's preliminary round: Pool A: China v Denmark (17 00), United States v Hungary (19.30) Pool B: Angola v South Korea (15.00); Germany v Norway (21.30).

HOCKEY: Men's pretiminary round

Pool A: Pakistan v Argentina (14 00), Germany v United States (22.30); Spain v India (01.00) Women's

round-robin: Germany v Great Britain (14.00); Australia v United States

(16 00), Spain v Holland (22.30); Argentina v South Korea (01.00)

ROWING: Finals: Men: Lightweight

double sculls (15 10); lightweight codess fours (15 40); quadruple sculls (16 20), eights (17 00) Women: Lightweight double sculls (15 20); quadruple sculls (16 20); quadruple sculls (16.00), eights (16.40)

TABLE TENNIS: Men's singles, sec

and round (15.00)

final sessions (13.30 and 20.00).

apperatus finals (02.30).

TOMORROW'S OLYMPIC TIMETABLE

Women's under 52kg POOL A: First round: L. Metzine (Alig) bit S Randle (GB). M Kavrigina (Rus) bit Schmidt (Switz): M Pedulla (US) bit H Goomens (Bes Second round: L. Krausa (Pol) bit Metzine, A Women's 200m backstroke

FINAL: M-C Remous. (Fig. bt Hysin Soult-her (S Kor). Shooting

FINAL: 1, R Schumenn (Ger) 688 Opts, 2, E Miler (Bul) 682.1: 3, Volkmysnin (Azz) 681 & 4, K Kucharczyk (Pol) 680.5, 6, Gamp Meno (Chinel 687 1, 8, G Liscopni (Mold) 687 0, 7, E Pelinicae (Hurt) 685 9; 8, D Leonherd (Ger) 683 8.

Men's 50-metre free rifle, prone FINAL: 1, C Klees (Gar) 704.8, S Ballacy (Kaz) 703.2, 3, J Gonci (Stocales) 701.9, 4, J Gonzales (Ber 701.7, 8, Meson (G2 700.9, 6, S Martynov (Belo) 699.6, 7, Lee Eurochat (Kor) 699.1, 8, B Meson (US) 899.9 Non-qualities: 46, J Starn (G8) 987 (out at 600), 52, G Dull (Inc.) 990.

Men's 10-metre running target CUALIFYING (leading eight quality for fixed) 1, D Lykere (Rus) 298;ths. 2, K Holmberg (Piri) 294; 3, Yang Ung (China) 294; 4, J Site (Hun) 263, 5, M Janus (Cz) 292; 6, Y Rodnov (Kaz) 290; 7, J Zimmermann (Gar) 290, 8, Xiao Jun

Softhall Round-robin

Swimming

Men's 50m freestyle

PRAL: 1, A Popov (Rus) 22,13set; 2, G Hell (US) 22.26; 3, F Scherer (Br) 22.33, 4, Chengr Jeng (Chinal 22.35; 5, B Declerich (SA) 22.59 6, D For (US) 22.68; 7, F Senchez (Ven) 22.72 8, H Busquels (P Rics) 22.73 Men's 1,500m freestyle

HEATS (Lostest eight quality for fruit)
Leading qualitying transk Heat three; 1, G
Snoth (GB) 15mm 14 B1sec; 2, R Neething
(SA) 15,19 83, 3 P Patter (GB) 15:22,65* 4
C Bruner (LS) 15:25 82, Heat tour; 1, D
Kowalshi (Aus.) 15:12,55* 2, J Holtmann
(Gar) 15:18,61, 3, L Lime (Br) 15:24 16, 4, P
Winght (LS) 15:25 43, Heat three; 1, A Akarjev
(Rus) 15:16,47; 2, E Brembille (RI) 15:16 72.
3, M Hicano (Japan) 15:19 48: 4 K Perhans
(Aus.) 15:21 42, 5, S Zeaner (Ger) 15:21 65

Men's 200m individual medley FinAL: 1, A Came (Huni Irrin 59 9) sec. 2, J Sevinen (Fin) 2:00 (3, 3, C Hyden (Car) 2:01 (3:4, M Words (Hot) 2:01 45 5, M Durn (Aun) 2:01 57; 5, G Burgers (US) 2:02:58, 7, 7 Dolon (US) 2:03 89 8, X Marchend (Fi) 2:04:29

Women's 800m freestyle FINAL: 1, B Bennet (US) 8mm 27 85tec; 2, D Hasa (Ger) 8,29 91 3, K Vileghus (Hol) 8,30,84,4 K Kielgas; (Ger) 8,31,06, 5, I Datoy (Nor) 8,38,34, 6, J Evans (US) 8,28,91,7, C L

TENNIS: Men's singles, third round; men's and women's doubles, second round, (all 15 00)

VOLLEYBALL: Women's preliminary round: Pool A: Japan v China (15 00); South Korea v United States (18 00);

Ukraine v Holland (20 30) Pool B: Brazil v Germany (17.30): Cuba v Russia (00 30); Peru v Canada (03 00)

WATER POLO: Play-off matches (from 13 00; final at 21 30)

WEIGHTLIFTING; Under 99kg: Group 8 (17 30) and group A (final, 21 00)

YACHTING: Two races in each class

WHEN TO WATCH

ON TELEVISION

8-10.50am Olympic Breakfast, 3.40-5.05pm Olympic Grandstand, 7.30-9.30 Essential Olympics, 10.35pm-4.25am,Olympic Grandstand.

12.0-7.30pm Sunday Grandstand (with cricket from Lord's); 9.30-10.35pm Olympic Grandstand, 2.30-4.55am Olympic Grandstand.

24-hour coverage.

Surprises abound in world of cut and thrust

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

RUSSIA won the men's team foil gold medal yesterday by beating Poland 45-40 to bring to a close the six-day fencing programme. Cuba, the World Cup-winners, took bronze.

"it has been a good Olym-pics." Rene Roch, the recently International Fencing Federation (FIE), said. "There have been some surprises, which is good for the sport, and the standard has been high."

The two British competitors - James Williams, in the sabre class, and Fiona McIntosh, at foil — went out early in the proceedings, but Williams, who lost to the world No 6. Sergei Charikov, of Russia, showed potential for success over the next four

vears. Internationally, Britain still hovers outside the top league. but, with work and a little luck, team qualification for the Sydney Games in 2000 is possible, especially in men's foil and sabre.



Olympic discipline for the first time, was won by Laura Flessel, of France, who also swept to team gold by beating Italy 45-39. The normally powerful Hungarians had to settle for fourth place, Russia taking bronze by one hit in extra time.

The biggest upset was the failure of the favourites in men's épée to reach the medals. The defending champion, Eric Srecki, of France, slipped to ninth, one ahead of Arnd Schmidtt, of Germany, ranked No 2 in the world, one ahead of Srecki. Sandro Cuomo. of Italy, who topped the world rankings, finished fifth. The winner, Aleksandr Beketov, was ranked No 21.

In the women's foil, the defending champion, Giovan-na Trillioi, of Italy, bad to be satisfied with third place as Laura Badea, of Romania, Women's singles who pipped Trillini to the world title last year, took gold.

The women's team event became a battle between Trillini and Badea with the other four participants little more than extras. The pair scored 38 out of the 78 hits involved as Italy won 45-33. Overall, Russia, France and Italy dominated the medals

South Korea and, in particular, the United States are looking increasingly strong. If proposed technical changes succeed in simplify ing the sport and the FIE's development plans bear fruit, the days of European domina-

tion may be numbered.

table, with Russia collecting

the most golds, but China

Equestrianism

FinAl. POSITIONS: 1. 8 Tail (Ready Tecty), NZ 56.8015, 2. 5 Clerk (Squarrel Hill, NZ) 80 4: 3, K MidRen (Out and About, US) with 73.7.

Handball

Hockey

Rowing

Men's lightweight double sculls

Men's lightweight double sculis stell-FinALS (first three in each heat to final); Hest one: 1 Switzerland (Michael Gier and Mericus Gier) Brin 25:37sec: 2, Holland (M. Van der Linden and P. Aardewijn) 6:27:07; 3, Austria (W. Sigl and W. Rantasa), 6:28:06; 4, United States 6:29:80; 5, Greece 6:34:84, 6, Germany 8:40:14. Hest two: 1, Sweden (M. Tichy and A. Christensson) 6:29:17; 2, Australis (A. Edwards and B. Hick) 6:29:27; 3, Spain (J. M. Gell Merco and J. C. Seaz) 6:29:37; 4, Italy 6:30:46; 5, Greet Britain (N. Strange and A. Sinton) 6:39:20; 6, Polland 6:39:56

Men's quadruple sculls

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SEMI-FINALS (inst three in each heat to
final). Heat one: 1, liely (IM Paradiso A
Sarton, R Gelbarossa, A Corona) 5:57:10;
2, Australia J Hooker, D Free, R Snook, B
Harson) 5:58.41, 3, Switzerland (S
Stuern, U Bodermann, M Erdier, R
Benguere) 5:59.63, 4, Russia 5:59:15,
France 6:03:74, 6, Belorussais 6:15:07
Heat two: 1, Germany (A Steiner, S
Volkert, A Hajek, A Wiffirm) 5:55:10; 2,
United States (T Young, B Jamieson, E
Munifer, J Gelles) 5:57:97, 3, Sweden (J
Flockin, PEt, Friutier, H Nilsand) 6:00:09,
4, Holland 8:03:72, 5, Ukraine 8:05:65; 8,
Potend 8:11:62.

Men's ligtweight coxless fours

Men's ligitweight coxless fours SEMI-PINALS (first three in each heat to final): Heat one: 1, Dermark (fix Heat one: 1, De

Shooting

CUALIFYING ROUND (that eight to thrai): Cualifiers: 1, Ling Yang (Chine) 565;ts, 2 D Lykine (Has) 581.3, M Janus (C2) 580; 4, J Siko (Hun) 579, 5 K Holmiserg (Fu) 578; 6, Jun Xiao (China) 577 7, 3 Zhmermann (Ger) 574, 8, A Soti (Gual) 570.

Softball

Men's running target

Round-robin

Puerto Rico 1 Japan

Women's lightweight

double sculls

Women's preliminary round

POOL A: Hungary 29 Charse 19

Men's preliminary round

POOLA: Germany 3 Argentina 0

Three-day event, individual

QUALIFYING (19.80m or leading 12 to firms). Leading qualifiers: Pool At 1, O Buder (Ger) 20 42m; 2, R Barnes (US) 20 42; 3, R Virasnyuk (Uler) 19 81 Pool Bt 1, P dal Soglio (B) 20.58; 2, J Godina (US) 20.54; 3, O Bagach (Uler) 20.23; 4, C Hunter (US) 19 95. Non-qualifier; S Pick-ering (GB) 18.28; 1

Men's 20km wall!

1, J Pavez (Ec) thr 20mm 07sec; 2, I Markov (Rus) 12016; 3, 8 Segura (Maro) 12022; 4, Nick A'Hern (Aus) 12031; 5, 8 Shallkov (Rus) 120:41; 6, A Fadejevs (Lat) 120:47; 7, M Shchemnlov (Rus) 121:02; 8, R Korzeniowski (Pol) 121:13; 9, Y Masyuhy (Belo) 121:16; 10, IT Outain (Fr) 121:58; 11, D Paza (Sp) 122:05; 12, M (Orneinitality (Belo) 122:17; 13, S Urbanik (Hari) 122:18; 14, D Largiole (Fr) 123:08; 15, N Dalmer (Ger) 123:23; 16, G Pernoelli (D 123:17; equal 17, V Bortsov (Kaz) end R Irily (Ger) 123:47; 19, D Garcia (Med) 124:10; 20, V Massana (Sp) 1:24:14; 50, J McDonald (Irie) 1:32-42. 124:10; 20, V Massana (Sp) 1:24:14; 50, J McDonald (Ire) 1:32:42.

Men's singles

GOUDIe Sculls
SEMI-FINALS (first three in each heat to final). Heat one: 1, United States (f Bell and L Burns) 7 09 47, 2, Romania (C Burdca and C Macovicius) 7 11 13; 3, taly (L Borist and M Otzan) 7, 115 29, 4, Germany 7 19 69, 5, France 7-20 11, 6, Swedan 7 27 01, Heat hive 1, Australia IR Joyce and V Lne) 7, 17, 67, 2, Holland II, Vermulst and E Mollesse) 7-19 02; 3, Denmark (B Christoflersen and L Andersson) 7, 19 79, 4, Christ 7, 23 46, 5, Canado 7-27 19, 6, Austria 7, 32, 07.

Basketball

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS FROM ATLANTA

Athletics

Men's 100 metres PREST POUND (Agr time in least installant four lasses) issens to second round). Feather times: Head one: 1. E. Tuffour (Gharis) 10 15sec; 2.8 Burn (Can) 10.18 Head twice 1. D. Ezimas (Nigaras) 10.03, 2. J. Dusmithod (US) 10.09, 3. E. "Aymerisch (Bei) 10.24. Head three: 1. A. Boldon (Tim) 10.08; 2.4 Markouthdes (Cyp) 10.28, 3. K. Collins (St (Nils) 10.27. Head four: 1, M. Green (Jam) 10.16; 2. P. Stevens (Bei) 10.21, 3. S. Coonyel (US) 10.29 Head four: 1, D. Mitchiel (US) 10.24; 2.1 Machae (GB) 10.27. Head seven: 1. O. Thompson (Berb) 10.33. Head eligit: 1. M. March (US) 10.14; 2. D. Bradtwelle (GB) 10.25; 2. L. Christie (GB) 10.28 Head ter: 1, E. Neursch (Ghirma) 10.28; 7. N. Ryan (Ine) 10.24; 2. N. Asahara (Japan) 10.26; 1. Head 112; 1. D. Balley (Can) 10.24; 2. N. Asahara (Japan) 10.28 Head 112; 1. P. Bradtwelle (Head 12; 1. Fredericks (Nem) 10.22 FIRST POUND (See from to meet heat and

SECOND ROUND: C Martin (Den) bt R Robertson (NZ) 11-2, 11-2; S Susame findo) bt D Phohe (Can) 11-1, 11-3; Huong Che-Chi (Tamen) bi D Julien (Carl) 9-11, 11-5; Y Sentozo (Indo) bt A Sondergeard (Don) 11-1, 11-3, Y Misul (Japen) bt S Wibowo (Switz) 11-4, 11-6, Soo Hyun Bang (S Kor) bi O Otorunsola (Higoria) (1-0, 11-0; Yan Yao (China) bi M Yalusheuo (Ruo) 11-4, 11-4

Men's preliminary round

SEMILFINALS: W Dodd and M Weimarsh (US) by J Bosma Minguez and S Jimenez Getan (Sp) 15-6:

SEMI-RAMAS: B Fortere Huttle end L Horley (US) bit H IncPeak and N Reno (US) 15-10; M Rochigues and A Semuel Remos (B) bit S Fujite and Y Takahashi (Japan) 15-6.

Men's 200m backstroke

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Reduction.

Men's 4 x 100m medley relay Men's 4 x 100m medley relay HEATS flastes eight quality for final). Heat one: 1, Ulriains 3rtin 42:29set; 2, Kazakhsten 3:49:51; 3, Malaysia: 3:2.58 Heat two: 1, Australia 3:41:30, 2, Japon 3:41:78, 3, France 3:42:94, 4, Lithuans 3:51:31:5, Puerto Fico 3:52:04, 6, Kyrgysstan 3:56:24 Heat firres: 1, Germany 3:41:10, 2, Flussia: 3:41:49; 3, Poland 3:41:72, 4, Israel 3:42:24, 5, New Zealand 3:45:80; 6, Crostia 5:50:98; 7, South Norea: 3:50:84; 8, Singapore: 3:59:51; Heat four: 1, United Suries: 3:39:93; 2, Hungary: 3:41:05; 3, Hottand: 3:42:42; 4, Canada: 3:42:95; 5, Crins: 3:43:50, 6, Thailand: 3:56:80; Great Britan and Portugal disqualified

Women's 50m freestyle

Women's 50m freestyle
HEATS (lastest eight quality los final), Heat
one: 1, Y Popicheriko (Belo) 27 18aec; 2, S
Puri (India) 28 02; 3, Y Prono Tomarez
(Para) 28 40; 4, G Ruzzo (Matta) 28.43; 5,
An Vo Tran Trucong (Vier) 29,02; 8, J Louis
(Maur) 23,98; 7, M Balaste (Corngo) 34,43,
8, N Gurung (Nepal) 41 45 Heat two: 1, A
Rach (N/2) 28 74; 2, Seo Soyung (S Korl
27,30, 3, G Laisos (Hurr) 27,34; 4, 1 Moodle
(2)m) 27,38; 5, D Raden (Yug) 27,62; 6, G
Ujoc (Crol) 27,63, 7, A Crosina (Las) 27,65;
8, G Thomson (Phil) 28,51; Heat three: 1, D
Dea; (Switz) 26,57; 2, E Coparropa Aleman
(Pari) 26,67; 3, M Salmels (Fin) 26,72; 4, M
Dahi (Nam) 26,76; 5, E Sigurdardottir (Iop)
26,90, 8, V Alvarez (Arg), 27,12; 7, J Yeo
(Sang), 27,51; Heat tour; 1, L Petrutyte (Lihi)
26,13; 2, V Johansen (Nor), 26,22; 3, J
Drauler (Austina) 26,34; 4, 6 Ceron (Spi)
26,39; 5, M Sparavez (Slovenia) 26,43; 6, M
Dessuresudi (Can) 26,44, 7, M Naissen
(Den) 26,50, 8, C Legler (Fr) 26,52; Heat
five: 1, A Mantrio (US) 25,47; 2 Ying Shan
(China) 25, 11, Let
five: 1, A Mantrio (US) 25,47; 2 Ying Shan
(China) 25, 11, L Martrio (Lib)
26,534; 7, M Knel (SA) 26,42; 8, D Zehvene
(Lib) 26,59; 7, L Dobrescu (Rom) 26,47; 8, Lin Chen-Lu (Tanvan) 27,00 Heat seven:
1, Jingyl Lo (China) 25, 10; 2, 10;
Meshcheryskova (Rus) 35,73; 3, S
Minamoto (Japani) 25,89; 4, A Postme
Holy 26,00; 5, C Franco (Spi) 26,52
Women's 200m butterfly

HEATS (Iastest orght quelity for final) Heat orne: 1. Woo-hee Park. (S Kor) 2min 22.99ser: 2 M Mata (Coste Rica) 2:23 89; 3. S Alvarez (P Pico) 2:25.24 Heat two: 1, N Zototukhana (Ukr) 2:16.68; 2, N Meskovska 2:17.90; 3 N Zuhar (Tur) 2:18.46, 4, M Kubalcikova (Cz) 2:19.38, 5, M Pereyra (Arg) 2:19.57, 6, M Karystmou Meskovska 21,790 3 N Zuhar (Tur) 2.18.46, 4, M Kubalchova (C2) 219.38, 5, M Pereyra (Arg) 2.19.57 6, M Karystmou (G4) 220.57; 7, A Loots (SA) 2.20.73, 8, T Dancevic (Ca) 2.20.74 Heat three. 1, P Thomas (Aus) 2.10.64, 2, Yun Clu (China) 2.11.35 3, J Deglau (Carr) 2.12.48, 4, T Jackson (US) 2.12.69, 5, S Stou (Dan) 2.13.59; 6, J Toochin (II) 2.18.10; 7, A Francesco (Por) 2.17.69, 5, E Klootser (Hur) 2.17.59, 2 C Joanson (Fr) 2.19.58, 3, M Pelaez (SO) 2.13.85, 4, A Unyrusk (Pol) 2.13.59; 2 C Joanson (Fr) 2.19.58, 3, M Pelaez (SO) 2.13.85, 4, A Unyrusk (Pol) 2.13.90; 5 H Kashima (Japan) 2.16.04, 6, H Shu-Tzu (Tarwan) 2.16.27, 7, S Herbet (Gar) 2.16.66 Heat five: 1, S O'Neil (Aus) 2.09.46; 2, M Smith (Ire) 2.10.03, 3, Limin Lu (China) 2.13.12; 4, A Schwartz (Can) 2.13.33; 5 B Franco (Sp) 2.13.34, 6, A Salmeen (US) 2.14.69, 7, L Zisu (Rom) 2.17.56, B P Minpraphel (Theil) 2.18.19

Men's singles SECOND ROUND: M Washington (US) bt O Ogorodov (Uzb) 6-3, 6-4; M Philippoussis (Aus) bl W Black (Zim) 6-4. 6-2

SECOND ROUND: © Martinez (Sp) bl R Zrubakova (Slovakra) 6-1, 6-4

Volleyball

CAPILITA !

record to He Cihong, one of an army of Chinese debutantes.

great respect for Fraser, whom she sent her best wishes, was less complimentary of He. who came from nowhere to

Men's team pursuit

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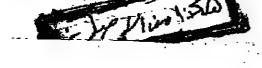
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Women's singles Women's doubles FIRST ROUND: J Novoing and H Souva (C2) bt A Koumskova and E Makarova (Rus) 6-2 6-2

Women's preliminary round POOL B: Russla bt Peru 15-11, 15-8, 15-1



ernau Odd quartet finds discord leads to closer harmony

AT LAKE LANGER

WHEN a four of Rupert Obholzer. Tim Foster, Greg and Jonny Searle was first contemplated, the standard response in rowing circles was a sad shake of the head. Too much talent, too many opinions for one little boat. How

right they were. Rhythm, tactics, tardiness swans, the musical merits of The Lemonheads . . . take any subject and Great Britain's coxless four can find a way to argue about it. Brian Miller, the psychologist with the British rowing squad, has given up, gone away to rewrite his theories on dynamic tension and sporting excellence. "He c. anot believe we're still going alit." Jonny Searle laughs.

Ask Steve Gunn, their longsuffering coach, which one of the four is captain on the water and he will suck in air through his teeth. "Ooh, they won't have any of that. Rupert makes the calls in training, Jonny in racing, It's a real bone of contention.

"Jonny is three years older



what to do by him. Tim is the only one who could make them, but, as stroke, it's very difficult." This is rowing, remember, the sport of the parade ground. At least I've got them arguing about things which are irrelevant now. Gunn adds.

Today, the medical student (Obholzer), the trainee surveyor (Greg), the traince solicitor (Jonny) and the perpetual student (Foster) will pool their resources and tether their minds to the cause of Olympic gold. The Searles have been through it all before.

In Barcelona, their casual last-gasp victory over the Abbagnale brothers, of Italy, captured non-rowing imagi-nations in a way that the sterner combination of Pinsent and Redgrave did not. Those two were expected to win gold. With the Searles, you could never be sure. Still

cannot, to be fair.

Lightweight crews find going heavy

FROM MIKE ROSEWELL

BRITAIN'S lightweights failed to increase the number of British crews in Olympic finals when the double of Andy Sinton and Nick Strange and the lightweight four both finished fifth in vesterday's semi-finals. Nei-

ther had any excuses.

Both were fifth at 500 metres and failed to improve. Sinton, the stroke of the double, said: "We had a good scull. It just wasn't fast exough." The message from the four was the same. "We went off the start as fast as we . could and could not believe how far down we were after 15 strokes," Tom Kay, the threeman, said.

four, stated what is clear to all. 'With all the world's top lightweights concentrated in the two new Olympic lightweight events, competition is

For those who like omens, four years of effort by Steve Redgrave to gain a fourth Olympic gold medal will be carried in boat No 4 in the coxless pairs final today. He and Matthew Pinsent are unbeaten in 58 races since May 1992 and there is no sign of relaxation for the 59th.

The evidence is quite the reverse. "Focused" is clearly the key word and much of this focus is presumably on David Weightman and Robert Scott, of Australia. Redgrave and Pinsent have never raced against the new Australian pairing, who won the other semi-final on Thursday, clocking times faster than Britain's defending champions at 1,000 and 1,500 metres and had a four-second advantage at the finish, where they were well clear of the chasing

The men's four, with the Searle brothers on board, are often upstaged by the pair. They make their bid for gold grudges, Jonny Searle said: We think we are as good as the pair. It is up to us to prove

Guin Batten, Britain's other finalist today, has excelled to line up amongst the top six women scullers, including Maria Brandin, the reigning world champion, and two former world champions. Trine Hansen and Silken Laumann. A medal would seem too much to ask, even for arguably Britain's fastest woman sculler.

rowing, have something to prove, not least because they are fed up with being the anonymous other pair in the Searles' four".

This is a bone of contention with the spliky Obholzer at least. Last month, over a breakfast of porridge and eggs at their favourite haunt, the Park Case in East Molesey, Jonny Searle was reflecting on the 1992 Olympics. "When we won gold in Barcelona, we he stopped, flicked a glance at" Obholzer and changed the subject.

The message was clear enough; that was Barceiona, this is Atlanta. While the Searles were basking in their glory, Foster and Obholzer were stuck in an uncompetitive eight and feeling miserable. They do not care to be reminded about it.

"That is important," Ob-holzer said. "There is no way we can rest on our laurels. These guys [the Searles] have won gold. But they're normal and I've rowed with them on and off throughout my career, so that's just reinforced the feeling that I can do it too."

However, the character of the crew has been influenced by the Searies.
Redgrave and Pinsent, who set the Searles. Unlike out to crush the opposition in every race, the four have arrowed their training onto this moment. Promising early form was followed by a dismal showing in the mid-season regatta at Lucerne, when an attempt to change their tactics proved a disaster. Yet there was more to it than that.

"It was almost as if we were suspicious of going so well so early in the season," Greg Searle said. "We tend not to do it that way." So they found a way to mess it up, partly to take the pressure off, partly to satisfy their cavalier spirit. As Gunn once put it: "They might appear to be idiots, but their level of professionalism is incredibly high. They're interested in going fast."

The crew's progress to the. final has been smooth enough to conjure up memories of that golden day in Barcelona. The If the cracks in the crew go deeper than verbal spats about swans, they will be exposed mercilessly today when each crew is searching for their limits.

Trust? I'm not sure that is quite the right word," Jouny Searle said. "Through everything, this is what we've been working towards. When the moment comes, in a tight situation, we must all react the same way. Maybe that is trust. I don't know. I can't think of a



McColgan sure she can handle the stress

FROM DAVID POWELL ATHLETNES CORRESPONDENT

WHEN Uta Pippig, unbeaten at the marathon for nearly four years, said this week that the Olympic women's race tomorrow would be tactical, it did not worry Liz McColgan. It might have a few months ago, but not now.

McColgan was the archetypal frontrunner, never comtable unless she was helping to force pace. More often than not it was her undoing, with the memorable

championships in Tokyo. In April, a new McColgan was revealed on the streets of

London. In the London Marathon she was so cautious that. when three runners set off faster than her, she allowed the gap to grow to more than two minutes at 14 miles. Picking up her pace in the the leaders so thoroughly that, by the time she was finishing down The Mail, she could not be seen by those she had

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ain's first Olympic marathon champion, succeeding where British men have failed for a century, Norway will claim an assist. McColgan was, by her own admission, "hitting my head against the wall, not getting the performances I am capable of", when Grete Waitz offered to coach her.

Waitz, a former world champion and winner of the New York City Marathon nine times, taught McColgan the value of tactics in a marathon. She reduced McColgan's remorseless training mileage, increasing the intensity of her

10,000 metros

hard training sessions and the frequency of her easy days. Thus, McColgan won London for the first time in three attempts and was so buoyant that she said: "My rivals are going to have to do something extra special if I am not going to come back from Atlanta with gold."

The heat, humidity and undulating course is probably to McColgan's advantage. Her 10,000 metres victory in Tokyo was achieved in oppressive conditions and she said of tomorrow: "I am confident it will not bother me. I am a

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McColgan's seventh mara-thon. This is the hardest event I have ever had to run. I have trained and prepared to 100 per cent of my ability. I could not have done more. Nobody is the obvious favourite. It will not be the quickest runner who will win, but the toughest. My body can handle a lot of stress, so I am confident of doing well."

Pippig, from Germany, has won the last three Boston Marathons and Katrin Dorre, her compatriot, who has won in London three times, is another contender. Manuela Machado, the European and world champion from Portugal, Ana Isabel Alonso, from Spain, and the three Japanese are probably the other main challengers and it will be interesting to see how Yvonne Danson, British until recently but now representing Singa-pore, fares. She trains in the ungle and thrives on the heat. Jenny Spangler, the United States' champion, broke stadium security recently to pracclearly confident.

Colin Jackson and Sally Gunneil make their Olympic entrances tomorrow. Jackson. the 110 metres hurdles world record-holder, has won every significant title, with the exception of this one. Allen Johnson, 'his successor as world champion, is favourite to deliver a home-nation victory. Gunnell's last two sea-sons have been plagued by injury. Her 400 metres hurdies title will surely pass to somebody else here.

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Australian e few, we tired but happy few ... are actually not quite as few as I had imagined in fined for altercation of the past week. According to provisional figures from the BBC, around 1.5 million of us TODD WOODBRIDGE, the are regularly staying up until lam or 2am to watch the Olympics live. Praise be -1Australia tennis player, was arrested and fined \$100 (about £70) after an altercation with a female security guard near the

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Woodbridge, who defeated Tim Henman, of Great Britain, in the second round of the men's singles, pleaded no contest to a charge of disorderly conduct after the incident, early on Wednesday morning. at the North Avenue gate of the village. Bob Brennan, the spokesman for the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games, said the incident involved "an altercation, pushing and shoving between the athlete and the security

athletes' village, police and Olympic officials said yester-

Sjoberg misery Athletics: Patrik Sjoberg, the Sweden high jumper, who has won two silver medals and one bronze in the past three Olympics, has pulled out of the Games because of injury. Swedish offcials said that

Sjoberg had strained a thigh

Doubles success Badminton: Chris Hunt and Simon Archer, of Great Britain, had to work hard to produce their opening win in the doubles. Hunt and Arther, the 1994 European champlons, needed to recover from deficits of 3-9 and 6-11 against a tenacious and sharp-witted Tim He and Chan Siu Kong, of Hong Kong, before finally winning a tense match 15-11,

MATTHEW BOND am not alone. The viewing figures are ON THE likely to be warmly welcomed by everyone at the BBC ... TELEVISION

with the possible exception of Steve Rider. For the figures also show that 2am is as late as most of us go. When Des Lynam slopes off, so do we -confirming what I have been saying all week. When Rider turns up, the nation goes to bed. Wimps.
The better news for Rider is that Olympic Breakfast, the early-morning highlights

package he presents once the nightshift is over, is pulling in around 1.5 million a day, about three times the audience that the normal Breakfast News attracts. All these figures are expeci-

ed to improve further this week as the big names of track and field grace the Atlanta stage, but what they show already is bow well we have been doing without them. Although only 1.6 million were still with the opening ceremony by 2am, four million watched the edited re-run on Saturday morning, giving the BBC a peak share of the total television audience of around 67 per cent. That is the sort of figure that gives them

MARATHON

Simpson has chance to reward supporters

Redgrave's quest for a fourth Olympic gold medal today, the residents of South Cave on Humberside will have eyes only for their own champion, competing 120 miles away on the Occee River (Andrew Longmore writes). South Cave is the home of Lynn Simpson, the women's canoe slalom world champion.

Three years ago, when Simpson was struggling for money, the residents of South Cave thought they ought to help. While Simpson was

WHILE the attention of the away at Nottingham Univer-nation will be on Steve sity, they raised £2,000 to sity, they raised £2,000 to cover her costs. Last year, they gave her a carriage clock to mark her achievement in winning the world championship and the World Cup. "I love them I wouldn't be where I am today," Simpson said.

Yesterday, Simpson enjoyed her first training run down the impressive Ococe River slalom course. Today, the 25year-old has the chance to pay back the debt to the village in the most valuable currency of

a pattern in viewing habits is beginning to emerge. About 1.5 million watch Olympic Breakfust and the morning edition of Olympic Grand-stand that follows it. When the live action kicks in during afternoon Olympic Grandstand, that figure rises to-

The flagship programme, The Essential Olympics, is pulling in audiences of fourto-seven million in the evening, which is probably a little on the disappointing side. I think the figures have little to do with the quality of the programme and everything to do with the fact that it goes out against all the big-hitters on IIV - Coronation Street, The Bill, Emmerdale. With the household names now in action, the BBC will be hoping that figure starts to edge higher in week two.

What is encouraging is the numbers that have been enjoying the live gymnastics and swimming, neither of which could be described as fashionin the evening. This, the third Ohympic Grandstand of the day, has been pulling in audience of seven million, a huge figure for a programme that does not normally start until after 10pm. We began rather earlier

yesterday, courtesy of the decision to start the athletics at 10am local time. In place of Des Lynam, there was Sue Barker, in place of Sharron Davies, there was Daley Thompson, chaperoned by David Moorcroft. The flirting, however, was unchanged "I've been waiting for you, Sue," Thompson said coyly. "You'll have a long wait," replied Sue with a giggle that suggested the opposite.

Ironically, the start of what many people regard as the "proper Olympics" began with coverage of the least proper event of all, the 20 kilometre walk, "No British interest in this," Stuart Storey said. He was right. Two hours later, it was David Coleman, Linford Christie and heat nine of the 100 metres. Finally, we

Pursuit quartet are floored by failure

BRITAIN'S 4,000 metres pursuit quartet were still unable take in fully that, like Graeme Obree, they have failed to qualify for the quarter-finals of their cycling event after the time-trial round yesterday (Peter Bryan writes).

The quartet of Chris New-ton, Bryan Steel, Matthew Illingworth and Rob Hayles were well-knit, smooth in their riding and going faster here in training than they had on Manchester's indoor track. It was hardly consolation, but the once all-powerful German

fy. easing Britain into tenth place by 0.3sec. To add to the surprises,

France, enjoying a renais-sance in other track disciplines, raced to the top with a time of 4min 9.570sec, with Italy only a tenth of a second

Like Britain, Australia, the world record-holders and generally accepted as favourites for the gold medal, set off as the last team to ride encouragingly, but started to weaken in the final kilometre. At least team, gold medal-winners in they are in the quarter-finals.

Hopes rise of boost in medal haul

FROM JOHN GOODBODY

KEVIN HICKEY, a leading British Olympic Association (BOA) official, yesterday said that the poor performances in the first week in Atlanta were partly due to a "lack of preparation for the mental toughness required for the

Britain have endured their worst opening to a summer Olympics since 1952, with the only medal in the first six days coming from Paul Palmer in the 400 metres freestyle swimming. This weekend should see a cluster of successes, in athletics, canceing and rowing, though nothing can disguise the sub-standard performances of some competitors.

Speaking yesterday morning, Hickey, the BOA's technical director, said: "At this point of the Games, a realistic assess ment was that we would have won five medals. Instead, it has been a very disappointing first week. In some cases, there has been a fairly obvious lack of preparation for the mental toughness required for the Games. Confidence is needed almost to the point of arrogance."

Hickey said that the competitors had been warned during training camps in Tallahassec over the past three years that these would be really tough, grinding Games". "We knew there would be a lot of US hype," he said, "a lot of pressure. The next four days are make or break. Expectations are high for this

He said that the spirit that was needed was epitomised by Guin Batten in qualifying for the final of the women's single sculls - "She fought and fought to go through."

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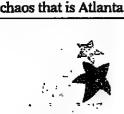
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David Miller enjoys a day in Savannah

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port, fortified by the British in the eighteenth century to prevent Spanish brigands forging their way northwards, plays host to an Olympic sport that is being conducted the way it always used to be: intimate but intense, relaxed yet rigorously competitive. Britain's optimism in yachting, with a proud past record of 30 medals, flies high at the end of the first week

Ben Ainslie, the 19-year-old protegé in his Laser, Shirley Robertson in her Europe single-hander, Andrew Beadsworth, Barry Parkin, and Adrian Stead in their Soling and Ian Walker and John Merricks in a 470 are all negotiating turbulent waters towards a medal.

To be doing so is testimony to their ability, to the Olympic steering group run by Mike McIntyre, the team leader, under the aegis of the Royal Yachting Association and to the work of Jim Saltonstall, coach-cum-talent scout. Any medals gained will be the more outstanding, given that the annual racing budget is one-tenth of what Spain spent when winning five gold medals at Barcelona.

Conditions have been variable all week, regularly inter-rupted by squall showers or thunder storms. Yesterday. light winds in the morning were expected to help Ainslie, lying second overall after placing second and first in two races on Thursday, and Penny Wilson on her sail board, with a stronger afternoon breeze valuable to Merricks and Walker in their 470.

The latter pair won on Thursday and lie fifth overall. "The British seem to go best in stronger breezes," Merricks said. "With over 12 knots, we have an advantage."

He and Walker were bitterly disappointed to lose last year's world championship in Brazil, when they were over-hauled by the Dutch in the last race, and they were angry to have fouled up their opening race here (they finished fifteenth) when missing a wind-shift. Merricks is out

THEY counted them all in and

they counted them all out.

Nobody sought political asy-

lum, no one hopped over the

courtside barriers and disap-

peared forever into the whirl-

pool of downtown Atlanta.

They were too busy celebrat-

ing to defect. Besides, there is

In the absence of the Cold

War, the American sporting

propaganda machine is still

looking for an enemy. The

Cubans are the most threaten-

ing target. A dark, brooding

nation that produces dark,

sinister sportsmen, baseball

pitchers and boxers, men of

few words and strong arms.

Cuba's volleyball victory

over the United States is

followed tomorrow by the

confrontation between the two

countries at baseball. Next

week, Felix Savon and Ariel

Hernandez, the pick of the formidable Cuban boxing army, will doubtless match

the pick of the Americans in

the finals at the Alexander

Coliseum. Already, Arnaldo

Mesa has destroyed the great

reputation of the United States

"I told my boys they could win in the US." Juan Diaz.

coach of the Cuba volleyball

team, said, "My boys went to

play with confidence and they

kept on fighting with the same

rhythm." Cuba won 4-15, 15-9,

14-16, 15-8, 18-16 in 21/2 fero-

cious hours and talked a lot

about rhythm. "At the end,

they let go because they could

not understand our rhythm,"

Freddy Brooks, the Cuba cap-

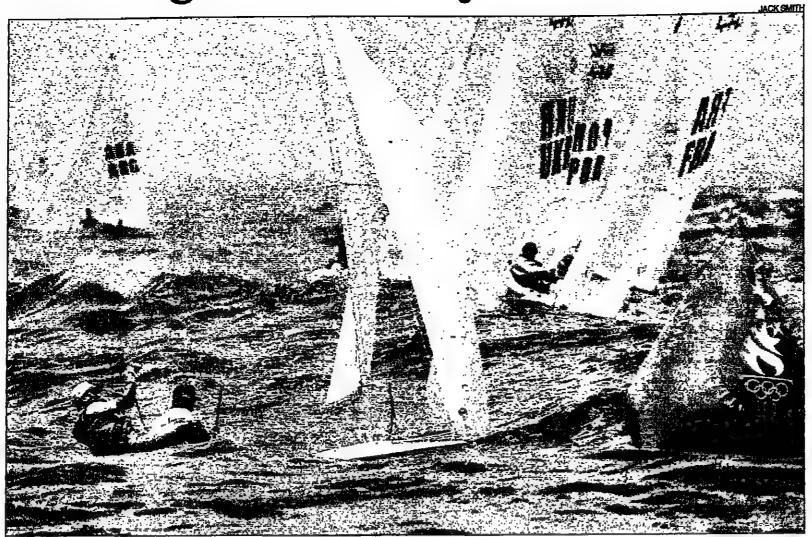
If there was political tension

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Merricks and Walker ride the waves round the weather mark on their way to victory in the 470 class off Savannah yesterday

of the Chay Blyth mould: tough, demanding, no-roomfor-excuse. Bomb-proof, some

Beadsworth, Parkin known to his friends as 007 for being Connery-smooth — and Stead lie third after firstseventh-seventh finishes in the ten fleet-race series, from which the top six go into match-racing finals. "We could have sailed better," Beadsworth said. There had been speculation, when they won the British match-race trials, about whether they would survive the preliminary series of Olympic fleet

McIntyre, a former Olympic champion in the Star class in 1988, was unworried. "We went for match-racing trials, believing our boat would have time to find speed for fleet racing," he explained. The Soling crew trained in Florida for part of last winter.

Robertson, a smiling Scot. sits in the bronze medal position after a first-seventh-eighteenth-third-sixth series on her sophisticated Europe dinghy, with its laminated wing mast. With Kristina Roug, of Denmark, already way out in front, Robertson, ranked No I in the world from 1993-95,

tenders besides herself for the other two medals. She says the afternoon big wind swings have made life complicated. Ainslie, winner of last year's

world youth championship and third in this year's World Cup (open), is touted as the next Rodney Pattison, who gained two gold medals and a silver, from 1968-76. Jacques Rogge, an IOC member from Belgium and former Finn world champion, considers the youngster's potential to be

"I've seen him for two years and his class on the water is so evident," Rogge said. "I've

men since the Sixties and this guy has pure talent - technically and tactically, a natural gift. If he continues to improve, he'il go on a streak like Rodney. He musn't be hyped too much and I hope he's not lured into big-boat professionalism, that he's not allowed to drift away.

In Rogge's opinion, British oungsters, schooled Saltonstall, are among the best of any country. Therein lies the problem for McIntyre and the RYA: how to retain loyalty to Olympic competition when handicapped by inadequate sponsorship, even from the Sports Aid foundation. The contradiction of the Lottery funding is frustrating: that it must go to facilities -£100,000 for this year's boats - and not to competitive

"Our target this time is to do better than one gold and one silver." McIntyre said, "and I'm optimistic we can achieve

It was a pleasure to escape from the concrete, commercial jungle and the rampant chaos of Atlanta for 12 hours and experience the traditional Olympic ambiance at Savannah. The security is effective here without being fanatically bureaucratic. Southern hospitality is surviving in this elegant town, which avoided destruction during the Civil War by granting General Sherman the best private bath

It may be a 90-minute journey out to the marina and then a further hour's sailing to the course, but the sailing community is enjoying a comparatively crisis-free Games. Paul Henderson, head of the International Yacht Racing Union, has even managed to establish, for a mere £15,000, an impromptu Internet computer results system which bypasses the malfunctioning IBM-ACOG official network.

Before that, Henderson had spent \$500,000 of the Federation's Olympic revenue in advance, to ensure an efficient regatta for those for whom this is a formight in a lifetime. His sport is consequently the envy of many others in Atlanta.

elcome once again to the theatre of cruelty. Y To be more precise, the Georgia Dome, a Roman circus with air conditioning. where victous, capricious cruelties are dealt out on a daily

crash landings

It is the place where little girls fly, where little girls pout and preen, where little girls fall to the ground and weep. Rivers of tears. Oceans of tears. This is where the women's gymnastics competition takes place.

A strange business and a riveting one. America was still awash with the heroics of Kerri Strug, whose vault on a wounded ankle completed the United States' run for the team gold medal earlier in the

As we went into the individual all-around competition. the most important event in gymnastics, with Strug a spectator with a strapped ankle and a brave expression, the Georgia Dome prepared itself for another orgiastic night of whooping patriotism. Shan-non Miller, Dominique Dawes, Dominique Moceanu: which American girl would get the gold?

Yet it was the night of the silencing of the whoops. For Moceanu, a 14-year-old with a cute smile and a stress fracture, it ended early with a poor, wobbly routine on the beam. Dawes took the lead with great flair and athleticism, though she had Miller, a gymnest of stunning, coldeyed consistency, right at her

Then came the floor, the least nerve-racking of the four disciplines. Miller, after a wonderful performance on the beam, prepared to seize her moment. And missed. She muffed a landing at the end of a run of tumbles and, on the next run, stepped off the mat. One, two, three and where's your medal?

Nothing could be crueller: like summer tempests shed her tears. It was time for Dawes to show how it should be done. There is a move in the floor exercise when, after a run of backward tumbles, you punch a somersault forward, trumping your own ace. It is a wonderfully theatrical move, a paradox of motion, turning all that backward momentum the other way. Dawes failed to resolve the paradox: fell backwards, landed on her burn. No medal: the salt waters of failure were flowing once

Woe followed woe, and not only for the Americans. Kochetkova, of Russia, should have stepped into the gap created by these terrible mistakes. Odd-looking thing: she has the face of prison wardress grafted onto the body of a child. She took a lurching unbalanced step on each of her vaults and that was the end of

You fly for show, but you land for dough. You can



Headley bowling does the trick for kelli

Atlanta sketch

criticise a lot about these subjectively-judged sports, but you can't argue with a landing. Either you nail it, or you don't. No landing, no medals: Cruel, as I say.

Gymnastics is a perennially criticised sport and it is hard not to feel equivocal about it for all manner of reasons; Regularly, observers, including members of the medical profession, point out that pursuing gymnastics in youth can lead to injury problems later

And people also feel uncomfortable with the large numbers of failures: the public disaster of the Miller-Dawes kind; the private failures of the many girls who never make it; forced out of the sport by injury and inadequacy.

These things are not to be laughed off. After these games, gymnasts must turn 16 in the year of competition, a good thing, and perhaps the age should be raised again in due course. A lot of people would feel more comfortable with

These cruelties of failure and injury and the despair of the very young cause distress because, in gymnastics, they are public. The fact is that every single sport that ever was is based on failure and injury and despair. For every elite performer, there are a thousand who failed. Every star of every sport stands high and tall, balanced precariously on the broken bodies and minds of the failures.

How many 14-year-old footballers are told that their knees have gone, or that they are plain not good enough? Thousands every year. We do not see their tears on television, but the game depends on them. Turtles and the sea.

And so Lilia Podkapayeva. of Ukraine, the defending world champion, won the gold medal with a performance of excellence rather than inspiration. She now stands tall on her broken rivals.

Gymnastics is a cruel business. That is because it is a sport: it is by definition cruel. We wouldn't be here if it

Derbrihire C. F. ...

Promising start bodes well for Britons

FROM EDWARD GORMAN IN SAVANNAH

GREAT Britain's Tornado

catamaran team of Dave Wilmade a useful start to their second Olympic regatta with two top-ten finishes and are lying sixth overall in a fleet led by Fernando Leon and José Luis Ballester, of Spain. Williams and Rhodes, a joiner and electrician respectively, from Whitstable Sailing Club in Kent, who were ninth at the Barcelona Games, are not the most hotly-tipped pairing for a medal, but have been in the top ten at most pre-Olympic regattas this year. The challenge for them is to try to get the tactics right to string

America's sporting dream

Andrew Longmore

sees an explosive

clash of cultures on

the volleyball court

by a veil of sport. The Russians were cast-iron villains,

products of an evil system; the

Cubans are plaster cast vil-

lains, the products of a system

no one really understands.

Their volleyball players

looked like the tall skinny kids

you see on the street corners

every day, larking about by

the side of the court when not

occupied in blocking and spiking the Americans on it.

popular sport in Cuba, after

baseball, basketball and box-

ing, sports that the Americans

regard as theirs. It is no

coincidence that there is big

money to be earned from all

three. The defection by Ramon

Garbey and Joel Casamayor,

two of their top boxers, and

Rolando Arrojo, their best

pitcher, on the eve of the

Games has made the Cuban

authorities very jumpy about

The most famous pitcher in

the Cuban League, Orlando

Hernandez, was mysteriously

not picked for the Olympic

squad because, it was said, he

might be lured away by the

Alberto Juantorena, double

these Olympics.

Volleyball is the fourth-most

together a consistent series and to get into the medalwinning positions.

Williams, one of the most naturally gifted catamaran has always maintained that they can win, believing they have the boatspeed and expesailed close to 20 knots, the Britons were second at the first mark behind Roland Gäbler and Frank Parlow, the world champions from Germany. They slipped to fifth at the second windward mark. having found them-selves in a corridor of lighter wind, and finished seventh. The race was won by Franck Citeau and Fred Le Peutrec, of

The Tornado fleet is by far

gold medal-winner at the Montreal Olympics in 1976

and now vice president of the

Cuban Olympic committee, dismisses the defectors as

"bad potatoes" and rounds on

Cuba's critics. "Many whis-

pers, many stories about my

country which paint a bad

picture," he said.

Looking at the United States

volleyball team, with their

college jock haircuts and their

running verbal battle between

the two No 4s, Joel Despaigne,

you're jumping together.

blocking and spiking shots. It's physical. They're No 4

goes at it hard and so does

ours, but it's about sporting

respect, not any political stuff.

We've just played these guys a

lot and we hate to lose. This

was part of an ongoing battle."

would be a spur to the whole

Cuban team, Diaz was the

epitome of diplomacy. "All our

teams will be prepared to play

to the best of their ability,

whether it's against the US or

any other country. We are

Latins, we have hot blood in

our veins and we want to win

everything for our country just

as the US does." The Cubans

won a little bit more this time,

but if this was a portent of

rivalries to come, who cares

about the politics. It was just

Asked if his team's victory

the fastest in the Olympic

field. It has been won for the last three Games by France, this time, lying in fifth place overall. Apart from Spain, Australia's double world champions and bronze medal-winners in Barcelona. Mitch Booth and Andrew Landenberg, who are second overall, are likely to be among the medals, as will Andreas Hagara and Florian Schneeberger, of Austria.

Another Briton having a second go at Olympic competition is Penny Wilson in the

women's windsurfing, who was sixth at Barcelona and is rated highly by her coaches for a medal this time. Wilson has assiduously avoided the media during the build-up to the Games and is now lying seventh overall after five races with five fifth-place

She had a bit of a shock in her second race when the slot gasket on the centreboard case failed when she was lying in second position, dropping her back to fifteenth. Under a rule introduced after the Barcelona Games, allowing competitors to seek re-dress for gear failure attributed to the manufacturer on supplied equipment, she was then reinstated to fifth

tory. Brought in at the last

Cubans threaten to hijack Tait takes gold with faultless display

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR IN CONYERS

BLYTH TAIT, of New Zealand, added a gloriously unexpected Olympic gold medal to his formidable list of successes yesterday. Riding Ready Teddy, the former world champion and winner of the indivdual bronze medal in Barcelona four years ago re-tained his overnight lead with a faultless performance in the showiumping phase of the individual three-day event.

overt matiness, the temptation was to invest a mere game of The New Zealand team, volleyball with all manner of already the winners of the deep meaning, to interpret the team bronze medal, were celebrating further when Sally Clark, 38, in her first Olympic Games, won the silver medal of Cuba, and Bob Ctvrtlik, of the United States, as a on Squirrel Hill. Kerry metaphor for political sniping. Millikin, a registered nurse io, that's not the way at from Westport, Maryland, all," Bryan (vie, of the United States, said, "Volleyball is in who sued the United States selectors for leaving her out of an in-your-face sort of game, the team for the 1988 Games,

took the bronze. Great Britain's already dismal effort here sank to a new low when the two riders left in the individual competition -Mary King, on King William, and Chris Hunnable, on Bootsie - collected 40 and 30 faults respectively and finished tenth and twelfth, "It's disappointing. Ginny Elliot. the team trainer, said with understatement.

King William, who had been lying seventh, looked in trouble from the moment he entered the arena. Flattening each fence, just as he did at Barcelona, he hit eight of the 12 obstacles. More surprisingly. Hunnable and Mr Bootsie t six fences. Of all the great feats of

horsemanship in the history of

three-day eventing, few will

showjumping. Clark and Squirrel Hill increased the pressure when they went clear in the showjumping, which meant that Tait could not afford to have a fence down in order to

country stage on Thursday to

find himself at the head of the

win the gold. As the 30,000 crowd fell silent, Tait began his round. Ready Teddy, who won the Pratoni event in Italy in May — his only previous advanced competition -sensed the occasion. There was a rattle of poles at fences ten and Ila, but both held and New Zealand had their third

individual gold medal since

Rund shows true regard for the Olympic spirit Alex Bennett is

AT LAST, after much organisation and several attempts, I have made it to the athletes village. This sounded far too complicated and involved far

too much walking. However, I felt a tap on my shoulder. Danyon Loader, my friend and a double gold medal-winner here, had come to my rescue. We hugged, I said my congratulations and we headed to the nearby New Zealand headquarters. The New Zealanders kindly offered me a lift to where I had to catch the bus. Danyon came with me and again I thought I might actually make it to my

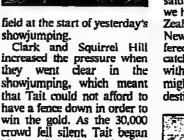
feel for the place. I met Britain's swimming team captain, Caroline Foot, by the fountain at the centre of the village and, as it was fairly peaceful, it was pleasant to just sit and chat. Caroline then took me on the grand tour ... the bowling alley and pool tables, the fully kitted-out "Surf Shack", where competitors were logging-on to various Internet sites. I experienced the huge video games room and, as recommended by Nick Gillingham,

evening swimming was far easier: the volunteers organising transport ordered. me a car straight to the pool. It was door-to-door service now that is the sort of thing that really makes you appreciate what is done at the Olympics.

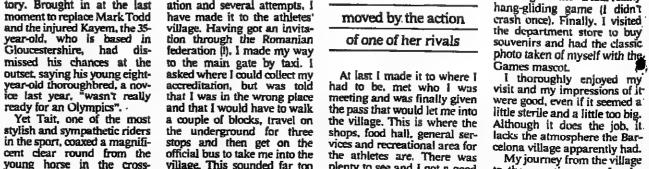
That evening at the pool. I again felt the emotional side of the Games. I watched Cathleen Rund, a German I have raced for years and now write to frequently, win the bronzein the 200 metres backstroke. As she paraded past the audience after her medal ceremony, I waved and she threw me her bouquet of flowers. I felt indescribable emotion for her: it is every experience like this that makes me realise just how much I want to compete at an Olympics.

to the aquatic centre for the

Right now, all I can hope is that I will make it to Sydney in 2000 and that something one of the Canadian swimmers-said will work for me. She said: "What doesn't kill you only makes you stronger." My-car crash didn't kill me so I hope she is right and that this will allow my dreams to come



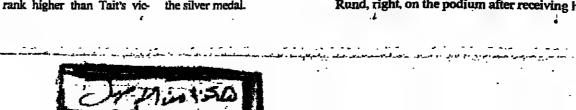
The team grand prix dressage competition begins today with Germany, unbeaten at an Olympic Games since 1972. starting as favourites. Holland are almost certain to take the silver medal.



plenty to see and I got a good

Rund, right, on the podium after receiving her medal

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Headley's bowling does the trick for Kent

By Rupert Cox

DERBY (second day of four): Kent, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, are 183 runs ahead of Derbyshire

FOR the cynically minded, the over-rate at the County Ground may have furrowed the brow yesterday, but that apart - and there were mitigating circumstances - the cricket was totally absorbing. There was something for everyone as Kent wrested the ascendancy thanks to an exemplary display of seam and swing bowling from Dean Headley that incorporated a hat-trick in his opening over. He ended up with career-best figures of eight for 08 figures of eight for 98.

Play commenced with Kent. 38l for five overnight, looking for a substantial first-innings total. The leaden skies, however, assisted the Derbyshire laviers to the extent that the visitors only mustered a fur-ther 64 runs for their remain-

The conditions helped Devon Malcolm collect his second five-wicker haul of the season. In the process, he ended Marsh's participation by breaking the Kent captain's left index finger.

Malcolm extracted sufficient bounce to discomfit the Kent lower-order batsmen and induced Marsh, unsurprisingly in view of his injury. into the indeterminate stroke that was his downfall. Phil DeFreitas collected his 800th first-class victim when he snared McCague on the midwicket boundary.

it left Derbyshire a tricky 25minute spell to negotiate before lunch in murky light. They adjourned at 24 for four after five intriguing overs. In the second, which incidentally cost him 12 runs, Headley stole the limelight by ripping out the mainstays of Derbyshire's batting. Barnett and Adams were undone by good outswingers and then Jones, playing for another, was baf-fled by one that nipped back and kept low and trapped him -before.

... - Cappy

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In spite of their predicament, Derbyshire's response was to counter-attack and they accrued 221 runs in the afternoon session for the loss of another four wickets. The defiance was based around Tim O'Gorman's dogged 62 and punctuated by more breezy contributions from Wells, DeFreitas and, after tea, Krikken. DeFreitas clubbed 47 from 34 balls, with six fours and two sixes, including one parried by Headley over the square-leg boundary. Although Derbyshire fell four runs short of the followon target, Kent chose to bat again and immediately lost Fulton, Marsh's admirable deputy behind the stumps.

Waqar swings Test

advantage towards Pakistan

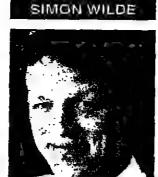
THERE was a real buzz about the old place yesterday, as 25,000 people inside Lord's waited to see how England's batsmen coped with the dreaded duo of Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis. Sadly, the anticipation was never quite met, the Pakistan pair operating in tandem for just the first seven overs of the innings.

Even before that, it was obvious from the ease with

obvious from the ease with which Rashid Latif and Ataur-Rehman, Pakistan's lastwicket pair, extended their overnight stand that conditions were not in their favour, When Knight and Stewart took up residence in the afternoon, it looked as though Pakistan's vaunted anack

might be ground into the dirt, But this was an England team trying to gain the initiative, remember, and they have demonstrated their fallibility at doing this more than once this summer, including the corresponding day of the Lord's Test against India, At 3.15pm, Wagar began his second spell from the Pavilion

End and in his second over whistled one under Knight's chin. Knight was judged leg-before to the next ball and, if the verdict was open to question, the batsman might have done better to offer more than half a stroke at the ball England had been guilty of allowing themselves to feel the sand beneath their feet and when Stewart fell to Mushtao in the next over, those sands were shifting uneasily.



At Lord's

The match was very much alive now. Waqar had a bali that was around 40 overs old and for the remainder of his spell, which continued after tea, he swung it, casting back memories to his successes here in 1992 - as though the offstage ferrying of personnel from the press and television boxes to the High Court was

not doing that already.

In his fifth over Wagar
yorked the sorry figure of Hick
with a ball that did not, in fact, deviate much in flight. It was the fourth time he had taken the wicket of Hick in Tests, making him his favourite England scalp.

In his sixth over, one of Waqar's deliveries was timed by the speedometer at 94mph, rivalling the pace of Jeff Thomson in his pomp. Not

tric behaviour, anyone is in-clined to believe the speedometer anymore. Most of Waqar's readings were much lower than that.

CRICKET: FAST BOWLER RETURNS FROM EXILE TO TREAT LORD'S CROWD TO REMINDER OF PAST GLORIES

much lower than that.
Waqar is not carrying any
excess weight, but he looked
like a man who is lighting not
only for fitness, but also the
advancing years, which is a
strange thing for a stripling of
24 to be doing — but his age is
another reading which no one
trouts. LYUMS.

In the past 20 months largely because of injury -Waqar has played in only six Test matches and taken 12 wickets, only four of which, before yesterday, belonged to specialist batsmen. The wickets have cost over 40 runs each; the previous 190 came at under 20.

The world may have grown slightly sceptical of Waqar's prodigious record, and not only because of the stigma that has attached through the balltampering allegations. Surrey have let their ardour for the player cool to the extent that the club says it has no specific plans to bring him back in 1997. It will simply monotor his fitness and performances this summer "with interest".

However, to discount Wagar when he has much to prove would be rash. He bowled some formidable deliveries yesterday, especially in a yorker-strewn final spell. He and Wasim remain the most likely deciding factor in this series.



Mushtaq Ahmed celebrates the dismissal of Alec Stewart, leg-before offering no stroke

Walsh makes Warwickshire suffer

BY JACK BAILEY

CHELTENHAM (second day of four): Warwickshire, with three first-innings wickets in hand, are 366 runs behind

IT IS one of the oldest maxims

in the game that if you want to defeat the opposition, first make them thoroughly fed-up. Signs that Gloucestershire had achieved that prime objective against Warwickshire became apparent long before 3.05pm, when they reached 569, the highest total made in matches between the two counties.

Keen and alert throughout a long sojourn in the field on Thursday, the Warwickshire bear betrayed more than the odd trace of ill-humour as the opportunity opened by Windows, with his 183, was seized upon by Symonds. He scored 127 runs from 103 balls, hitting three sixes and 14 fours in a fine exhibition of hard, clean hitting.

Having fielded without quite the impressive zeal and discipline they summoned on the first day and having watched Gloucestershire add a further 237 for their last seven wickets, Warwickshire were immediately on the back foot as Walsh roared in from the Chanel End.

Yorkshire defend title

THE women's equivalent of the Britannic Assurance counchampionship, the area championships, will be determined over the next five days on the college grounds at Cambridge University (a special correspondent writes).

Women's cricket in England has traditionally been based on II areas — East Anglia, East Midlands, Kent, Lancashire and Cheshire, Middlesex, Surrey, Sussex, Thames Valley, West, West Midlands and Yorkshire. Since 11 is an awkward number for a fiveday championship, a twelfth

of 41 out of 73 ended with an attempt to cut Davis's arm team is obtained after a second

Neil Smith played some fine

forcing offside strokes against

his namesake, Mike, but the

Gloucestershire captain

prised out Moles and Burns

with fast bowling of rare quality. Smith's brisk innings

XI play-off. This year, Yorkshire II made it through. Yorkshire have won the title for the past four years, East Midlands for the four years before that, but 1996 promise to be the most open competition since the tournament began in 1980. After emphatic defeats in the internationals against New Zealand, England's finest cricketers will have a point to prove.

PRRST DIVISION: East Angle, East Mid-lands, Surrey, The West, West Midlands, York-Pie. SECOND DIVISION: Klimi, Lamosative and Cheshire, Middleste, Busete, Themes Valley, Yorkshire II.

Thereafter, on this pitch still an absolute beauty — the support bowling for Walsh looked less than lethal. Ostler and Penney adding 63. Then Penney, playing too early, gave Alleyne a return catch and Singh betrayed his immaturity by holing out to cover off Walsh. With half the side out, Warwickshire were still 412 behind and the follow-on

Just as Thursday belonged to Windows, so yesterday be-longed to Walsh and Symonds. Fading light caused Walsh to take himself off in full flight and with three scalps on his belt.

Symonds reached his century only by courtesy of Walsh. The big West Indian realised that the best way to increase his team's score and to allow Symonds to reach his century was to give him the bowling. This he did to such effect that the last wicket pair put on 51 runs in six overs and Symonds went past his century after only two hours at the crease.

Hollioake shoulders weighty burden well

BY IVO TENNANT

SOUTHAMPTON day of four): Hampshire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 28 runs ahead of

given the vice-captaincy of Surrey this year, ahead of older and more experienced colleagues. Given how often Alec Stewart is absent with England, there will be much for him to do if his county are to have a chance of winning the championship. His innings of 83 yesterday enabled them to continue to harbour such thoughts.

Hampshire's last three wickets had added 27 runs in the morning, Martin Bicknell finishing with four for 64. Thereupon Butcher took to Hampshire's attack: this was his tenth half-century of the season, reached emphatically

he was out, caught and bowled by James off a ball he looked to drive over the bowlers' head. Surrey's innings was further stymied ADAM HOLLIOAKE was when Stephenson took a wicket in his first over and the lower middle-order failed to make the runs required of them. Much depended on Hollicake and he did not disappoint. He had some fortune. First

It was quite a surprise when

he was dropped when he had made ten, Laney missing a difficult chance at deep square leg off Stephenson. Then he gained five runs when a flicked throw from Udal hit the helmet lying behind the wicketkeeper. Hollioake's half-century included eight fours and there were 12 all told by the time he was leg before to Stephenson. His innings ensured Hampshire's lead was not too significant.

Yorkshire dreams shattered by Lee's brilliance

By PAT GUILLON

SCARBOROUGH (third day of four): Yorkshire, with three second-innings wickets in hand, need 253 runs to beat

EVEN the shricking seaguils seem to be mocking York-shire's championship ambi-tions last night. Shane Lee had ripped them to shreds with a breathtaking innings of 134 and Kevin Shine tore through the resultant debris to take three wickets in seven balls as they collapsed in the face of a

daunting target of 413.

By the close, they were a pitiful 160 for seven and although Darren Gough and Hartley were breathing defi-ance in a stand of 54, no one was going to answer batting of Lee.

It was a measure of how well he played that the North Marine Road crowd gave the Australian all-rounder a standing ovation, despite the damage he had done to the Yorkshire cause,

When he went in at 121 for five, Somerset were still only 138 ahead and Yorkshire had every reason to believe that their policy of playing them on a "result" pitch would prove to be the right one. By the time he was out, just 113 minutes later, their spirit had been broken and their cricket had gone to

Lee, now averaging 92 in first-class cricket this season, scorched to his 100 in 80 minutes off 81 balls with a six and 17 fours. He hit another six and five more fours off his next 29 balls and was inches short of clearing the rope for a third time when White caught him on the mid-wicket boundary off Stemp.

While he was there. Lee shared stands of 80 with Lathwell, who played pretty well himself for his 80, and 95 with Turner, who contributed just eight.

More importantly, he had reduced Yorkshire to some thing close to a rabble. Gough lost his head, Byas lost his grip and Turner, Rose and Caddick rubbed salt in the gaping wounds by taking Somerset to a total of 395.

It meant that Yorkshire had to score 82 more than they had ever done to win a championship match and they perished at the very thought. Rose had Moxon picked up

at mid-wicket. Caddick did for Vaughan and Shine had both Byas and White caught behind. In between times, he had McGrath caught by Lee, running back from slip, off a top edge for a "king pair" and when Lee bowled Blakev and the rampant Caddick had Bevan caught by Lee in the slips, Somerset claimed the extra half-hour in the attempt to win inside three days.

Britannic Assurance county championship

who collected a pair.

Derbyshire v Kent DERBY (second day of lour) Kert, with aight second-innings wickers in hand, are 183 runs ahead of Derbyshire KENT: First Innings

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T R Wand c Knisken b Malcolm
C L Hooper c Wells b Herns
N J Llong b DeFreitas
M M Pasel c Adems b Malcolm
TS A Mars b Wells b Malcolm
M J McCague c Knan b DeFreitas
M M Preston not out Extras (b 5, fb 5, nb 2)

Score at 120 overs: 431-8 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-14, 3-86, 4-186, 5-377, 6-390, 7-398, 8-416, 8-442 BOWLING: Malcolm 37.2-3-116-5, Harns 20-4-78-1; Wells 17-3-47-1; Defreites 29-6-123-2; Vandrau 15-3-43-0: Barnett 7-0-22-0, Jones 1-0-6-1 Score livings

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Bonus points Derbyshue 5 kent 8 Umpres: M J kirchen and J H Hampshire Durham v Essex

HARTLEPOOL (second day of fourt. Essex, with eight second-mungs wickets in hand, are 267 runs ahead of Durham ESSEX: First Innings 334 (A P Grayson 74, S G Lew 73, R C Irani 56, N I filteen 4 for 57) Second Innings

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S G Law not out

8 S G Law not out 44

Extras (to 7, w 1) 45

FALL OF WICKETS 1-21, 2-75

BOWLING Wood 3-1-34-0; Wilsen 11-3-27-0; Saggers 8-0-30-1; Cox 11-3-19-1; Campbel 1-0-2-0

J Wood not out

N Killeen c Grayson b Such

M J Seggers c Rollins b Inant

Extras (lb 8, w 1, nb 5) BOWLING: ilolt 21.4-53-5; Andrew 5-1: 22-0; Williams 6-0-20-0; kami 12.3-2-33-2; Such 22-4-52-3 Such 22-4-62-3 Bonus points: Durham 4 Essex 7. Umpires: B Dudleston and D R Shaphard.

Glamorgan v Lancashire CARDIFF (second day of four! Lancashire, with seven first-minings wickels in hand, are 225 time behind Clampager!
GLAMORGAN: First Innings

Total 50, 505 Score at 120 overs: 402-7.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-38, 2-100, 3-166, 4-359, 5-359, 6-378, 7-378, 8-463, 9-464, BOWLING. Chapple 33-8-122-3; Martin 32-8-115-3; Galfan 14-5-61-0; Austin 23-6-7-1, Keedy 28-5-70-0; Watdinson 22-2-3-73-3. AMCASHIRE: First Innings LANCASHIRE: First innings

Gloucestershire v Warwickshire

VESTERDA ASSESSITE A LA SEA Small 120 over 170-5
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16: 2-186, 3-308, 4-362, 5-322, 7-439, 8-492, 9-518.
BOWLING: Pollock 29-7-71-1: Muraion 33-13-95-2; Small 24-3-99-4; Brown 22-4-97-2; Smith 18-2-82-9; Glabs 31-4-131-1: WARWING STATE First Immige A J Moles flow b Welsh 16
N M K Smith b Davis 18
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BOWLING: Walsh 11-5-20-3; Smith 9-2-66-0; Dans 17-6-60-2; Alleyne 9-3-31-1, Ball 0; Davis. 17-8-80-2; Alleyne 9-3-31 3-2-20-1 Bonus points: Gloudesteratine ? Umpres: H D Bird and S Leadbeater.

Hampshire v Surrey M Keech run out.

1A N Aymes b Pearson
S D Udel c Shehid b Benjamin
H J Maru not out.
S M Mibum c Holficale b Benjamin
J N B Bowli c Shehid b M P Bidenell
Extras (b 1, ib 4, nb 30) Total (112.4 overs) ______35 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-128, 3-137 4-213, 5-239, 6-291, 7-304, 8-346, 9-358.

BOWLING: M P Bicknell 1-1-0.
SURREY: First hrings
D J Bechnell c Keech b Meru
M A Butcher c and b James
M A Butcher c and b James
N Shahid low b Stephenson
N Shahid low b Stephenson
A D Brown c Aymes b Bowli
"A J Holignalisa low b Stephenson
B P Juden c Maru b Milbum
M P Becknell not out
M P Becknell not out
E M Peerson c Aymes b Milbum
J E Benjamin c Keech b Bowli
Total (81.15 n. no 16)

Sonus points: Hampshire 8 Surrey 7 Limpires: V A Holder and A G T Whitehood Leicestershire v Sussex LEICESTER (second day of lour). Sussex have a first-innings lead of 28 over

ACETESHIRE For ming V J Weis b Lewry
D L Maddy c Moores b Lewry
B F Smith a Athey b Jarvis
- V Sirmons b Glodine
- J J Whiteler not cut A Habb b Lawy
1P A Nition c Moores b Lawy
D J Milins c Moores b Giddins

Edma (b 4, w 1, rb 2) 27
Total (107,2 overs) 286
FALL OF WICKETS, 1-15, 2-43, 3-57, 4-86, 5-131, 6-168, 7-177, 8-198, 9-225.
BOM,ING: Lewy 30,2-5-74-5; Jarvis 3-1-22-1; Gdcoffac 24-5-9-0-3; Drakes 30-9-9-0; Lanham 17.1-3-22-1; Greenfield 3-1-4-0.
SUSSEC: Park Inventor

C W J Athey c Noon b Milans 16
A P Wells c Simmons b Milans 16
A P Wells c Simmons b Parsont 7
K Greenfield c Noon b Wells 69
N J Lenham c Sammons b Milans 27
M P Specifit flow b Sommons 16
P W Jarvis not out 38
P Moores c Pleracin b Simmons 47
V C Drakes c Noon b Simmons 15
P W Jarvis not out 38
J D Lawy c Wells b Simmons 59
Total (108,4 overs) 294

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FALL OF WICKETS 1-0, 2-19, 3-27, 4-83, 5-157, 6-20, 7-243, 2-200, 9-294.

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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-44, 2-80, 3-323
BOWLING: Sheriver 8-1-25-0; Elle 11-0-59-0; Lampit 18-4-84-2; Solarid 22-1-103-1; Birgaroth 18-4-57-0; Church 8-0-33-0; Moody 19-0-5-0.
WICH CESTERSHERE: First Innings
W P C Weston a Forchern b Snape 68
M J Church b Capal 27
T S Curds a Montgomerts b Roberts 65
T M Moody b Curren 106
K R Spring hit wicket b Snape 09
V S Solarid a Ripley b Snape 109
V S Solarid a Ripley b Snape 129
S S J Fittodes not out 129

7 5. W 5 7 30 1 5 1 5 1 Yorkshire v Somerset SCARBOROUGH (third day of four): York-shire, with three second-mungs wickets in hand, require 253 runs to best Somerset SOMERSET: First Immos 309 (K A Parsone 62, R J Herden 54; C E W Silverwood 4 for 53)

Silverwood 4 for 53)
Second innings
M N Latinsed c Byss b Hartisy
P D Bossier law b Gough
R J Harden c Blakey b Gough
J D Betty b Hartisy
"A N Hayhurst law b White
S Lee c White b Stemp
H J Turner o White b Bevan
G D Rose c White b Silverwood
K J Strine not out

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-29, 3-62, 4-106, 5-121, 8-201, 7-296, 8-347, 9-383. >-121, 8-201, 7-296, 8-347, 9-383 BOWLING. Gough 25-8-71-2; Silverwood 20-6-77-2; Hertley 26-3-100-3; White 7-0-44-1; Stemp 11-0-50-1; Bevan 6.3-0-29-1; YORKSHIRE: First innings 292 (D Byes 88, D Gough 51) Second Innings

BOWLING, Cardier 16-3-45-2; Pose 6-0-29-1; Shine 6-1-23-3; Lee 7-0-54-1; Basy 1-0-1-0.

Bonus points: Yorkshire 6 Somerest 7. Umpires: G Sharp and R.A White. Tour match Nottinghamshire v South Africa A

TRENT BRIDGE (first day of lour, South Alrica A won load). South Alrica A have accred 3 for six wickets against Notinghamatike SOUTH APRICA A: First innings SOUTH ATTRIAN OF THE WARDEN SOUTH ATTRIAN OF THE WARDEN SOUTH ATTRIAN OF THE WARDEN OF

Total (6 wids) ,.....

P R Adams, G Gilder and M W Pringle to FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-50, 3-190, 4-200. 5-200, 6-282.

SOM_ING: Mike 18-7-61-0, Chapmen 20-3-97-3: Tolley 12-2-50-0: Balas 23-5-74-2; Afford 20-6-45-1; Afrani 7-2-27-0; Downton 4-1-4-0.

NOTTINGHAMISHED: P. R. Poland, M. P. Dowman, S.F. Archer, U. Atzeal, P. Johnson, T. N. P. Waller, C. M. Tolley, G. W. Mike, R. T. Bales, R. J. Chapman, J. A. Afford

Umpires: A A Jones and J Lloyds

with a four through the covers. Worcester made to suffer from

Sales boost

BY GEOFFREY WICELER

DAVID SALES, 18, who had the chastening experience and being out third ball for nought on Wednesday on his first-class debut for Northamptonshire, atoned in remarkable fashion at Kidderminster yesterday with an ssault on the Worcestershire

bowting which brought him

an unbeaten 191. Another nine runs today will make him the first player to score a double century in his first championship game. Sales hit 26 fours and three sixes from 215 halls as his side amassed 417 for three to lead by 395. So far, he has batted for 245 minutes in a glorious

Sales, who survived one chance, at 70, said: "I was very nervous about getting off the mark but when I did. I relaxed. Now I'll have to go for it in the morning." Phil Simmons, captaining

Leicestershire in the absence of the injured James Whitaker, returned five for 58 - his best bowling figures in this country - as well as taking three slip catches at Grace Road as Sussex were bowled out for 294, gaining a first innings lead of 28 over the championship contenders after being 21 for three.

Lancashire's confident response to Glamorgan's 505 at at Cardiff suggests that only declarations can bring about a positive result. Matthew Maynard completed the third double-century of his career as Glamorgan recovered from the shock of losing four wickets inside the first five overs.

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FOOTBALL. IIIR JOHN MOORES CENTENARY TWO-PHY: Everton v Borussia Mönchengled-bech (2 0); Liverpool v FC Porto (4,30)

London Broncos v St Helens (6.0)......

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PRE-SEASON MATCHES (3.0 unless stated: Dorchester v Oxford United: Chi-way v Futhern: Hyde United v Huddensted; Sheboume v St. Johnstone (7-46). Therton v Bristol City; Blyth Spentans v Motherweit; Chertsey v Bernstond: Halface v Rechance Holyweil v Stoke; Gillingham v Nottingham Forest; Welling v Charlion; Hull v Bothon; Bournermouth v Bristol Rovers; Caritise v Klimamock; Brechin v Reith.

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Bristo): Yordshire v Lincolnshire (at New
Lount) (at 2.0).

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GOLP: British seniors' championathip
(Potrush); Guardian Insh Holidays Women's Open (Saggart, Co Dublin).

SPEEDWAY: Premier Langue; Brackord v
Ioswich (7.30); Cowenny v Oxford (7.30);
Cradicy Heeth and Stoke v London (7.30);
Conderence Langue; Arena Essex v Buston
(8.0); Swindon v Eusler (7.30). Challenge;
Berwick v Mildenhalt (7.0).

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Leeds v Paris Saint-Germain. Shelfield Eagles v Warrington (at Bremall Lane, 6.0).

Featherstone v Keighley Cougers (3.30) Huddersfield Glants v Widnes (6.30) Saliord Reds v Hull Whitehaven v Dewsbury (3,301 Sacond divinion
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Hull KR v Donicester Dragons (6.30)
Hunslet Hawls v Berrow (3.30)
Prescot Panthers v Caribis (3.30)

FOOTBALL SIR JOHN MODRES CENTENAITY TRO-PHY: Risal (4.30) and third place play-off (2.0).
PRE-SEASON MATCHES: FAI Harp Lager
Xi v Marichester United (2.30); Pater-borough v Sheffield Wednesday (3.0).

OTHER SPORT CYCLING: National championship 100 miles (New Romney, 6.0em)
GOLF: British seniors' championship (Portush); Guardien Idsh Holidays Women's Open (Saggart Co Dufsin).
MOTOR SPORT: Formula Three championship (Rhusen); RAC(Auto Trader British touring car championship (Knocishif).
POLO: Cariler international day (Windsor Great Park). Great Park). SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Scothsh Monarchs v Ipswich (at Glasgow, 6.30).



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Rival predicts world record will be broken in Olympic Games 100 metres showdown

Christie eases in for final assault

FROM DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS COURESPONDENT IN ATLANTA

THE first athletics event of these Olympic Games produced a surprise yesterday but there were no shocks in the opening round of the men's 100 metres. After an unrated young walker from Ecuador had become his country's first Olympic medal-winner in any sport, normal order was restored as the sprinters stepped up for a process equivalent to horse racing's parade ring.

The first round is more a

time for looking good and talking tough than it is for racing fast. Of the main contenders, only Dennis Mitchell, the United States champion. looked ragged. Linford Chris-



tie, Britain's defending Olym-pic champion, did all he needed to, conceding victory in his heat to Andre Silva, of Brazil, to save that little bit extra for two more rounds and, he hoped, the final today. Ato Boldon, the Trinidadian

who became world junior champion in 1992, had the most to say. If his prediction proves correct, the final will supplant the 1991 world championship in Tokyo as the greatest 100 metres in history. There is going to be a world record," Boldon said. "It could be 9.70 or 9.80sec*

The world record, set by erroy Burrell, of the United States, two years ago, is 9.85sec. Christie's best of 9.87sec was set in 1993 and here he recorded 10.26sec. The wind which followed him was as minimal as the one which accompanied Boldon during his heat, 0.1 metres per second. Boldon recorded 10.06sec, the second-fastest time behind the 10.03sec by Davidson Ezinwa, of Nigeria. Boldon's view of Christie was that he would "not run



Christie, third from the left, blasts out of the blocks during his first-round heat yesterday but was content to settle for second place. Photograph: Marc Aspland

under ten seconds". Boldon, though, we should not forget, said in June, while Christie was still dithering, that he did not think he would be here to defend his title. Boldon was third in the world championships in Gothenburg last year at the tender age, for a sprinter, of 21. This season he has improved his best to 9.92sec but expects, on this fast

track, to obliterate that. Boldon, labelled mique" by L'Equippe, the French sportspaper, went to the same school as Brian Lara, the cricketer, in Trinidad. Lara holds the world record score for a first-class cricket innings, with 501, and Boldon wants a world record, too. He said he would give away the gold medal when he wins

here, rather than if. "When I win Olympic gold it will not stay in my home," Boldon sald. "It will go to the national stadium in Trinidad to be seen by all the kids." After the season, he said, he wanted to go back to Trinidad to help develop youth athletics.

champion from Canada, qualified in 10.24sec, though he has not had the best of preparation. He has been troubled by hip and thigh ailments and, with his favourite unde dying. . he has felt uneasy about not going back home to visit him. However, Bailey put on a determined front after the first round. "I will run whatever it takes to win," he said. "I am not worried about anyone." Bruny Surin, Bailey's fellow

Canadian, who was runnerup at the world championships, was also a comfortable qualifier in 10.18sec, as was the race favourite, Frankie Fredericks, of Namibia, in 10.32sec. It is to be hoped that the

Full results Simon Barnes. Plain sailing ..

final is blessed with a favourable wind. The design of the stadium, tall at one end, low at the other, invites capricious winds and readings during the first round changed with almost every heat, from plus to minus and

Tuffour, from Ghana, won the first heat in 10.15sec into a 0.9mps headwind. Ezinwa won the second aided by a .3mps headwind. Obadele Thompson, from

Barbados, winner of his heat in 10.33sec, knows all about wind advantage. This year he ran the fastest 100 metres ever: 9.69sec. He was helped by a gale blowing behind him and altitude. Britain's other two representatives, Ian Mackie and Darren Braithwaite, progressed with Christie. Mackie looked, briefly, as though he might beat Mitchell in heat six but was second in 10.27sec; Braithwaite was second to Mike Marsh, the third member of the United States team,

Before the sprinters in Britain's Olympic team.

emerged, Jefferson Perez won the 20-kilometres walk, im-Estimated salary loss E100,000. proving upon Ecuador's previ-Pickering has been to most of the world's top sports

ous best Olympic performance, the fourth place by occasions as manager Jorge Panchama in the 200 events and promotions for metres butterfly in 1972. Perez, Canon, even to winter and 22. is the youngest winner of summer Olympics, but never the title. He finished 33rd in as a competitor. Training fullhe made the team but was unsuccessful in his second year but his winning time here was 14 seconds quicker than ambition of reaching the final.

Pickering finished in 27th
place, well below his best his own national record. For Shaun Pickering, the Olympic experience was brief

distance with 18.29 metres. The leading 12 qualified for the and expensive but worth the sacrifice. Pickering had only three goes in the shot put before being eliminated, havfinal last night. "I have no regrets whatsoever," Pickering said. "The Olympic experiing given up what he ence was worth every penny. I described as "one of the top am a little bit disappointed five jobs in the world in sports with the result because I felt so good but I would not change marketing" to train for a place

President's seal of approval for Smith

PRAISE from the most powerful man on earth for the most powerful woman at the Georgia Tech pool was packed with a punch at the American media, it emerged yesterday, the centennial Games.

Michelle Smith, aiming for fourth gold medal after qualifying second behind Susan O'Neill, of Australia, in the 200 metres butterfly, revealed the nature of her da cussion with President Clinton

on Thursday night.

"He said he was full of admiration for my swimming and for the way I'd handled all the media," Smith, who has faced a barrage of speculation about drugs, said. "He said he'd had to put up with the same kind of thing."

Of her race in the heats. Smith, who has won the 200 and 400 metres medleys and 400 metres freestyle, said she had "saved something for the final" — an amazing view given that she had just wiped 57sec off her own national record of 2min 11.60sec, which she set to win the European title in Vienna last year. At the time Smith was celebrating victory in Vienna, O'Neill, 22, was clocking 2min 7.29sec, a Commonwealth record, to win championships.

Success for O'Neill would bring Australia its first gold medal in the pool and prevent Smith from joining the likes of Mark Spitz and Kristin Otto in an elite group of four-time Olympic champions.

Britain consoled itself with hopes of a medal for Graeme Smith in the 1,500 metral. freestyle after a morning in which Adam Ruckwood swam below par in the 200 metres backstroke and failed to make the final and the men's 4 x 100 metres medley relay team set a 40.74sec, good enough to qualify in second place for the final, only to then find they

had been disqualified. The news was hardest on James Hickman, who clocked a remarkable butterfly split of 52.69sec. However, the takeover between Neil Willey and Richard Maden was 0.02sec quicker than the allowed

Class apart, page 44

England rally after opening misfortune

LORD'S (second day of five): England, with five first-in-nings wickets standing, are 140 runs behind Pakistan

THERE was reverse swing for Wasim Akram and Wagar Younis and sharp turn for Mushtaq Ahmed at Lord's yesterday, but England will consider that their prospects in the first Cornhill Test suffered not so much through the excellence of these old adversaries as the fallibility of

the umpiring.
This second, intriguing day redressed the balance in Pakistan's favour, though not by much. A last-wicket stand of 50 inflated their total to 340 and England, having reached 107 for one, then lost three prime wickets for nine runs before rallying tenaciously in the closing session. It remains a fine Test match

on a good but not uninteresting pitch. The cricket has been gripping and neither side has yet made a conclusive claim for control. What a shame it would be, then, if the result was to be influenced by decisions of the type that dis-patched both England openers yesterday. Umpiring has never been

such a thankless job as it is today, when the replaying of contentious incidents on giant public screens is as unforgiving aș it is unforgivable. Mistakes will never be eradicated, but both Michael Atherton and Nick Knight will justifiably have harboured a sense of grievance last night after leg-before verdicts that

were unarguably wrong.
The ball that dismissed Atherton was missing off stump for both width and height. Knight was banished despite stretching so far forward and across that all three stumps were visible between his legs. Wasim and Wagar

form unlikely contortions, but this was giving them credit for

given by Peter Willey and the other by Steve Bucknor, undermined England's day, which ended with Graham Thorpe dragging them towards parity. At 200 for five, however, there remains a long uncomfortable road ahead. Lest anyone doubted them, Pakistan's three main bowlers showed yesterday they are as formidable as ever. It was the junior of the

(14mm, 9 dais, 1 lour) ur-Rehman not out (76min, 37 balls, 2 fours)

Extras (b 3, lb 5, nb 3)

Total (106.2 overs, 448min) 340

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7 (Speed 4), 2-12 (Speed 8), 3-142 (Incamern 62), 4-153 (Incamern 62), 4-153 (Incamern 64), 5-209 (Incamern 102), 6-257 (Incamern 103), 7-267 (Fashid 0), 6-280 (Fashid 1), 9-290 (Fashid 7)

6-200 (rissnot 1), 3-230 (resinot 7)
BOWLING: Cork 28-6-100-2 (nb 3: 13 tours; 8-3-25-1, 3-0-26-0, 8-0-21-1, 2-0-3-0, 7-3-25-0), Brown 17-2-78-1 (12 tours, 5-1-23-1, 4-0-160, 7-1-30-0, 1-0-9-0); Multelly 24-8-44-3 (nb 1, 5 tours; 7-3-12-0, 6-2-14-0, 11-3-18-3); Salisbury 12-2-1-42-1 (5 tours, 4-0-18-0) 5-1-17-0, 1-0-1-0, 22-0-6-1), Esthem 21-4-42-1 (nb 1, 4 tours; 11-3-24-0, 6-0-14-1, 4-1-4-0), Hick 6-0-26-1 (1 six, 2 tours, 3-0-10-1, 3-0-16-0)

Second new ball: 307-9 (96.5 overs) at

PAKISTAN: First Innings

have made cricket balls perthe superhuman.

. By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent Rehman, who caused England their first frustration of the day, accompanying the able Rashid Latif in a last-

SCOREBOARD FROM LORD'S

These decisions, the first

wicket stand that may prove highly significant. Atherton first had to claim the second new ball and then give it to Ian Salisbury before they could be divided. With Mushtaq in the opposition, however, the lavish turn that Salisbury achieved in having Latif caught at slip was as much a cause for concern as relief.

Only 35 minutes batting was left to England before lunch, but the total had rushed to 27 when Atherton perished

ENGLAND: First inning

Total (5 wids, 71 overs, 282min) . .. 200

D G Cork, I D K Salisbury, A D Mutally and S J E Brown to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27 (Knight 14), 2-107 (Stewart 39), 3-107 (Thorpe 0), 4-116 (Thorpe 4), 5-180 (Thorpe 31).

BOWLING: Wesim Alvam 16-4-34-1 (4 hours, 11-3-25-1, 5-1-9-0), Weger Yourlis 14-4-42-2 (rib 1; 5 fours, 3-1-19-0, 8-1-20-2, 3-23-0); Mushtap Ahrmed 26-4-88-1 (7 hours, 6-1-17-0, 18-2-43-1, 4-1-8-0); Ala-ur-Richman 10-1-33-1 (rib 1, w 1; 6 hours, 7-1-20-0, 3-0-13-1); Aamir Schail 3-1-3-0 (one spett).

SCORING NOTES: Second day; Lunch: 32-1 (8 overs, 35min; Knight 15, Stewart 4). Tea: 112-3 (39 overs, 156min; Thorpe 1, Hick 3)

Umpkres: S A Bucknor (West Indies) and P Willey. Third umpire: J W Holder Match referee: P L van der Merwe

TESTS TO COME: Second (Head-rigley): August 8 to 12 Third (The Oval): August 22 to 26.

bition of a man yet to make a Test century on this ground will have gnawed at him. Atherton, interestingly, was fully expecting Wasim and

the old ball, not because he ever went along with the nebulous suspicions held against them but because he respects their ability to impart what has become known as reverse swing. For this reason, he had wanted to use Duke halls, which allegedly swing

in the fifth over. He marched

off without a hint of petulance,

but the harshly-thwarted am-

had favoured the Reader bails, which respond in older age to the reverse swing technique.

To settle such differences, a toss takes place and Atherton lost it, 24 hours before he lost the toss for choice of innings. Now, this cannot be right. If the make of ball is as important as both teams here believe it to be, surely the matter should be resolved publicly and only after the traditional toss, rather than randomly early when team selection and tactics can be revised.

Atherton was not around to verify his theory, but Knight



Hick is bowled by Waqar having contributed just four runs to the England first innings yesterday

He had batted well for more than two hours, but appeared to reach 50 with a reprieve when he misread Mushtaq's googly and edged it through

Knight was already ac-knowledging the applause when umpire Willey signalled leg-byes and he had not added to his score when Bucknor raised his finger against him, three overs later. It was churlish of Knight to leave the ground without either raising his bat or removing his helmet, but it was an understandable show of emotion.

He was later credited with the two runs and his halfcentury, but this change of mind by the umpires raises more points than it solves. Presumably, Knight would have been given not out if Sohail had taken the catch. Could that decision have been so easily altered retrospectively? Is there a difference? The third leg-before deci-

sion of the innings, Alec Stewart playing no stroke against Mushtaq's baffling googly, could arouse no resentment, any more than Graeme Hick's dismissal, failing to get his bat down on a yorker from Waqar, could arouse surprise. Hick has now managed only 102 runs in six Test innings against Pakistan.

Mark Ealham arrived amid great tension at 116 for four, but he continues to react well to whatever is asked of him. Although Mushtaq bamboozled him more than once, he countered the seamers with conviction and had added 64 with Thorpe when his concentration lapsed against an innocuously wide one from Rehman. Russell stood firm with Thorpe and much depends on this pair today.

Waqar's return, page 47



Toll rises in Turkish jail fast

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Russians claim US is playing games with medals table

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN ATLANTA

THE Russians have said that America is manipulating the Olympics medals table in a way that smacks of the old Soviet Union.

Russia had won 13 gold medals, one more than the US, by the end of Thursday's competitions, which Russians say should put them at the top of the medals league. But the Olympic table puts the Americans ahead because they had won more medals overall, 32 to Russia's 25.

The American press "sud-denly, as if scared by the superiority of the Russian Olympic team in the number of gold medals, decided to count medals in a way more advantageous to the hosts", the Russian Sports Express newspaper said.

he Americans never used to behave this way," the news-paper added. "Such odd arithmetic was a characteristic of sport statistics in our country, which had the task, no matter what the outcome, of confirming the advantage of

the Soviet way of life."
To be fair, however, the Americans did announce before the Games that this would be their method of compilation. This is the latest manifestation of the Cold War-style tensions between



week, Vladimir Lukin, a former Russian Ambassador to America, said: "Politics al-ways played a leading role at the Olympics, but they have eclipsed all else at these Games. Can you imagine it if Russian tanks and missiles had been wheeled out at the Moscow Olympics? But here US Air Force fighter jets flew over the stadium during the opening ceremony and nothing happened - the celebra-

tion just goes on." Vitali Smirnov, president of the Russian Olympic Committee, said the Americans had no need to finagle the medals

table because they were bound to come out on top in any case as the Games moved into a different gear yesterday with the start of the athletics.

The first event yesterday was that oddity, the men's 20km walk, which started at Sam to avoid the worst of the heat. The event was won by Jefferson Pérez of Ecuador in a fast thr 20mins 6secs and collapsed from fatigue, The thoroughbreds of the

track and field events competed almost as much for the admiration of the crowd, it seemed, as they did for athletic excellence. Runners ripped off their singlets on finishing races to pose, torsos naked, in front of the grandstand. Sucpessful highjumpers, among them Steve Smith of Britain, went through a series of celebratory backflips, air punches and, in one case, a prayer of gratitude at having

The hugging, idssing and self-congratulation was all a far cry from Chariots of Fire but the theatre lifted the Games out of the rancour of the opening week, when Atlanta's disorganisation spoiled the Olympic party.

Olympic reports,



Perez of Ecuador collapses after winning the 20km walk yesterday

Training for top gymnastics 'is like child abuse'

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

KERRI STRUG has become America's sweetheart by clinching an Olympic gold medal with her vault on a sprained ankle, but her celebrity has been clouded by a new warning that the rigours of competitive gymnastics amount to child abuse.

Turning adolescent girls into Olympic champions involves so much training, so many injuries and such in-tense social isolation that they can put their lives at risk, according to a doctors' report in the New England Journal of Medicine. The authors are specialists in the physical and mental complications of athletics

President Clinton, who was in Atlanta to watch the Games and met Miss Stug, described her feat as "miraculous". The 18-year-old is 4ft 8in and, like the other teenage gymnasts, has an almost emaciated

The gymnast ensured that America won the team event, but many have questioned the wisdom of her making a second jump, further aggravating her injury. She did so at the urging of her coach. Belya Karolyi, the Romanian defector who has been described as both an inspiration and a Svengali. But Miss Strug insisted there should be no criticism of him. "I'm 18, I'm an adult and I make my

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In their report, the doctors give a warning against pushing youngsters to be champions, citing such hazards as damage and even psychological harm from trying to make pre-pubescent girls look sexy.

The report said that some parents push children to train 40 hours a week and send them to live with coaches. It contended that such intense exercise can delay or stop menstruation, inhibit bone formation and lead to fractures. Repetitive stress on the developing skeletal system can result in permanent harm or deformities.

One of the authors, Barri Katz Stryer, a psychiatrist at the University of California in Los Angeles, is a former gymnast who recalled teammates who forced themselves to compete when injured and ame anorexic from trying to hold down their weight.

The findings were dismissed by Dan Benardot, the American gymnastic team's nutritionist, as "dredged up old stuff". He said the health and growth of his country's

women gymnasts were moni-tored closely.

Miss Strug's injury forced her to withdraw from Thursday's events. Yesterday she kept her left leg elevated and ked ice around the ankle omorrow and on Monday.

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THE death toll in Turkey's two-month-old hunger strike rose to eight yesterday with the death of the first woman inmate in the protest, the staterun Anatolian news agency

The woman, 22, died in Canakkale prison. The agency described her as a member of STOUG. Revolutionary People's Liberation Party-Front.

Earlier yesterday an inmate died in Istanbul's Bayrampasa jail, Sevket Kazan, the Justice Minister, said. He identified the prisoner as Tahsin Yilmaz, of the Turkish Revolutionary Communist Union, another urban guerril-

la group. About 300 left-wing inmates have been on hunger strike to demand better prison conditions and the closure of Eskisehir jail in western Turkey. Yesterday thousands of Kurdish rebel prisoners joined the hunger strike, a Kurdish news agency reported.

Minority purged in

FROM AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

BURMA'S military junta has forced 70,000 to 75,000 ethnic minority Karens out of their villages and into eight reloca-tion sites without medicine or sufficient food and shelter, Karen sources said yesterday.

More than 100 people have died in the sites in the custom state of Kayah, a Karen statement said.

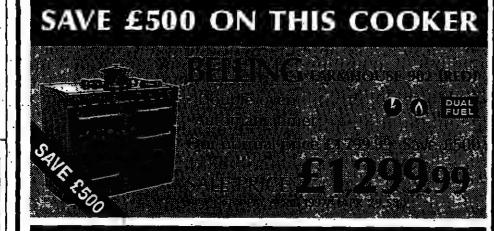
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IN BANCKOK

The party appealed to America, the European Union and the Association of South East Asian Nations to begin a fact-finding mission and send relief teams before hundreds more die

curfew have been imposed on the sites and key towns and curfew violators are shot onsight, a Karen source said by telephone from Thailand, across the border from Kayah. Informed sources in Thailand confirmed that the junta had pushed at least 60,000 people from their homes since late May.



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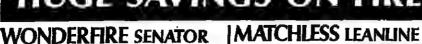
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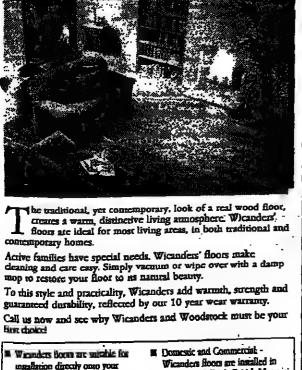
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Civilians take shelter as army closes in on Tigers

From Christopher Thomas in anuradhapura, northern sri lanka

THE Sri Lankan Army moved south from its crucial Elephant Pass base in the north last night to confront the Tamil Tigers in the rebel-held town of Kilinochchi, one of their last bastions. Tens of thousands of civilians sought shelter in schools, churches and temples from a war that is

at its bloodiest in 13 years. The 100,000-strong armed forces are attempting to crush the rebels in the region south of the Jaffna peninsula, their former stronghold, which fell to the army early this year after months of lighting. These heavily forested areas are in the front line of a war in which

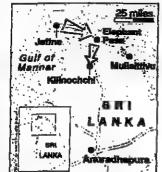
50,000 people have died.

The military is bent on avenging its greatest single defeat when 1,200 soldiers were killed this week in the northeastern base of Muliaittivu, now back under army control. The seizure of Kilinochchi would restore morale as well as return crucial territory to government forces.

The majority Sinhalese community is angry after more than 70 people were

killed in an attack on a tary offensive will attempt to commuter train in Colombo. the capital, on Wednesday, The Tigers denied carrying out the bombing, but nobody doubts that they did it.

The denial was for international consumption: the Tigers are worried by their growing isolation because of intransigence in peace talks and increasing attacks on civilians. The Government is making strenuous efforts to prevent a Sinhalese backlash against the Tamil minority, which would play into the Tigers' hands. The latest mili-



drive the rebels from the Northern Province, where they are hiding in the jungle with weapons they carried during the retreat from Jaffna.

Elephant Pass is the isthmus that links the peninsula with the mainland, making it the most crucial base in the north. The Tigers' occupation of the area south of the isthmus forces the military to make detours by sea and air to keep its northern garrisons

Clearing a road route to Colombo would give the army an enormous tactical advantage. The operational headquarters of the Ministry of Defence said last night that troops were meeting resistance but were moving forward, backed by superior armour, artillery and air pow-er. Kilinochchi district was placed under a curfew yesterday and civilians were advised to take shelter in schools and other buildings. Kilinochchi is host to

100,000 refugees who fled the Jaffna peninsula as troops

swept through the area late last year and early this year. They crossed the Jaffna Lagoon in a flotilla of small boats operated by the Tamil Tigers. but were unable to return because the lagoon is now controlled by the army. They are therefore now subject to attack. By clearing the Tigers out of the Kilinochchi area the armed forces would be able to ferry the civilians home.

Around 400,000 Jaffna Tamils fled the onslaught but most of those able to do so have returned home, bringing them under government jurisdiction for the first time since the Tigers established their headquarters in Jaffna five years earlier and turned it into an independent mini-state, The civilians' return is a

significant success for the

Government, since it has removed an important source of finance for the Tigers, who imposed stiff taxes. The armed forces are under strict orders from President Bandaranaike Kumaratunga to treat people kindly to try to ease them away from Tiger influence.



safety in Quezon City yesterday after Typhoon Gloria ded the Philippines. The storm left at least 21 people dead and several missing before heading for Taiwan and China (Our Foreign Staff writes).

President Ramos clared a state of emergency in ten provinces in the main

Typhoon Gloria kills 21

The Philippine National Red Cross said most of the deaths were caused by land-slides and drowning in the nountainous north. About 60,000 people were evacuated from their homes in seven More than 1,500 people have provinces after Gloria

winds for two days. As the typhoon headed towards China's southeast coast there were fears of more rain in the Yangtze valley, where workers strug-gled to prevent new floods.

died in flooding across central and southern China in recent weeks. Gloria was bearing down on Taiwan, causing air pollution to reach record levels in Hong Kong as it howled part offshore.

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Tokyo 'powerless' in killer bug fight

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO

AS THE toll of food poisoning victims in Japan continued to rise, Ryutaro Hashimoto, the Prime Minister, yesterday set up a ministerial team to fight the epidemic, which has killed eight people in two months and made thousands ill.

The team admitted, however, that it had little data about the disease and felt powerless to stop its spread.

Last night the Health and Welfare Ministry said 8,548 people in 42 of Japan's 47 prefectures were ill with food poisoning caused by the O157 strain of the Escherichia coli bacterium. Of those, 7,893 are schoolchildren, four of whom have died. Worst hit is Sakai, a suburb of Osaka, Japan's second largest city, where 6,449 people, mainly chidren, have been injected and 69 are

listed as in serious condition. Authorities have traced the Sakai outbreak to school lunches, but not the exact foodstuff. The Kyodo news agency said yesterday that the lunches were kept at room temperature for nearly three hours before being served.

Naoto Kan, the Health and Welfare Minister, told a press conference that the country was grappling with a "very difficult disease". He admitted that medical experts were at a loss over how to treat the iliness. All but one of those who have died developed haemolytic uraemic syndrome, which is marked by symptoms that include kidney failure. Doctors say it is dincuit to treat people with the syndrome as antibiotics are ineffective.

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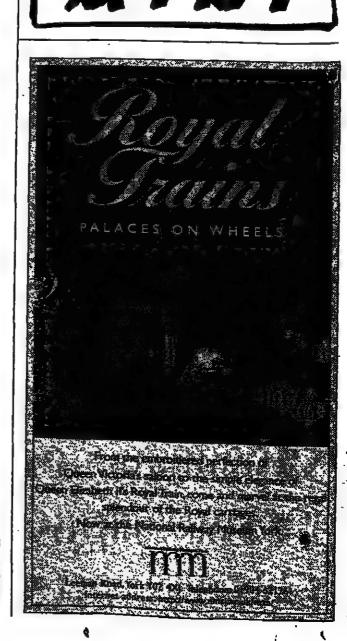
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'Astral cult' cave draws disbelief

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS A DISPUTE has erupted represents a key step forward within the French scientific community between a researcher who claims to have discovered a remarkable series of prehistoric religious cave paintings in southern France and her critics, who insist that the wall markings are lichen or graffiti left by Second World War refugees.

Emilia Masson, a researcher and religious expert with the National Centre for Scientific Research in Paris, believes the cave on the summit of Mont Bego, 9,000ft above the Vallée des Merveilles north of Nice, was once a centre for a Bronze Age astral cult, the discovery of which

last month by Yves Coppens, Professor of Human Palaeontology at the Collège de France, identifying the cave as part of a "vast astral cult", A naturally sculpted "face" on the slopes of Mont Bego appeared to represent "the holiest of holies" to these early worshippers, the academy Other scientists have poured cold water on Mme Masson's spectacular claims,

to Mme Masson.

however, arguing that the vague shapes she has identified on the cave walls are nothing more significant than

Professor Henry de Lumley, the director of the Muse-



um of Mankind and the Museum of Natural History in Paris, who has explored rock carvings in the region for the past 30 years, is the most vigorous opponent of the theory. "Not a single thing by the hand of man can be observed there," Professor de Lumley says.

The professor's associates have described Mme Masson as "a fantasist who reads in a crystal ball to make people dream, a dilettante mistaking lichen for red paint".

Xavier Guthertz, the regional conservationist for the Aix-en-Provence region and responsible for overseeing the site, maintains that the marks could be of much more recent origin. "The inscriptions are well and truly there, but they may also be the work of Italian soldiers who took refuge in the cave during the Second World War," he said.

Mme Masson insists that "ochre pigments" from the walls have been scientifically identified by the Research Laboratories of the Museums of France, as well as red colours, fibres and lichen. The Institute of Particle Physics in Zurich has also carried out tests using a spectrograph, she says, and discovered "the presence of iron oxides and silicates" typical of the pig-ments used by Bronze Age

religious artists. The furious disagreement has been dubbed the "scientifwar of religion" by the French press.

Professor de Lumley has demanded action against Mme Masson for encroachwhile yesterday she alleged that the museum director was trying to undermine her research out of professional jealousy. In an effort to mediate. M Guthertz asked this week for independent experts to carry out a study.



A researcher emerges from the cave at Mont Bego

Italians in | Adoptions | bid to save embryos

FROM PHILIP WILLAN IN ROME

A ROMAN Catholic antiabortion group has found more than 100 Italian women who are prepared to adopt frozen British embryos otherwise destined for destruction. a spokesman for the group said yesterday.

"We have a list of 100 women from this area and we are receiving more requests from women all over Italy who want to adopt an embryo," said Dr Mario Ciampi, the chairman of the Centre for Help to Life in the region of Massa Carrara, in northwest

More than 3,300 embryos hold in deep freeze in London clinics are due to be destroyed on Wednesday. British law forbids the preservation of frozen embryos for more than five years without the parents' consent. Even if they are refrigerated, they are important lives that cannot just be destroyed," said Dr Ciampi.

said his organisation. which has links with the British anti-abortion charity LIFE, wanted the Italian Government to put pressure on Britain to half the "massacre" Among the women who had offered to adopt an embryo were two elderly nuns, he said. Their bodies may be too old but their hearts are big

plan for Internet

Sketches by Emilia Masson of the cave markings, which she claims are prehistoric

FROM GABRIELLA GAMINI IN RIO DE JANBINO

THOUSANDS of Rio de Janeiro's "street children" will be put up for adoption through the Internet, and users around the world will be able to make their adoption requests electronically.

The cyberspace adoption plan, which aims to attract couples in Europe and America. was launched yesterday by a group of judges in Brazil in the illegal sale of children and the killing of youngsters by organ traffickers.

The service will begin next month and it is hoped that the photographs and details of at least 4,800 children, in orphanages or on the streets of Rie, will be on the Internet by the end of the year.

control over adoption procedures which have always been in the hands of gangs who sell children illegally, Judge Jose Lisboa da Gama Makher said.

Some 70 children were adopted legally in Brazil last year but human rights organisations say that hundreds are taken out of the country illegally every year.

Most groups working with children have welcomed the initiative, but critics have said it could institutionalise the selling of needy children.

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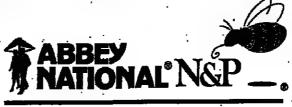
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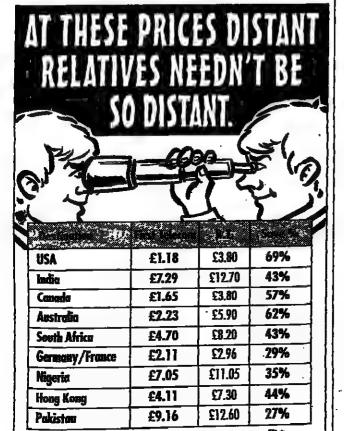
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Spanish brothers revive memories of Russian Front after vow to dying grandmother

Lost uncle reopens old wounds

WHEN two brothers from Toledo began looking for the body of their uncle three years ago, they did not realise that they would one day be at the head of a campaign which has reopened wounds from the Second World War, pitted proud generals against dogged bureaucrats, made retired fascists incandescent with rage, and earned them several pleading letters a week from little old ladies in every corner of Spain.

in January 1972, Fernando and Miguel Angel Garrido Polonio, then barely teenagers, promised their dying grandmother that they would find the remains of their uncle, Mariano Polonio Labrado - her son, their mother's older brother - who had died on the Russian Front in 1942, aged 20.

But what had Corporal

Polonio been doing in Russia in the first place? Had Spain not been neutral during the answers to these questions, unless they had more infor-

TOLEDO FILE by TUNKU VAŘADARAJAN

the Garrido brothers learnt some lessons about their country's own history. Their uncle had volunteered to fight on the Russian

Front as part of the Spanish Division Azul (Blue Division). Imbued with a burning anticommunism, Corporal Polonio had thrown himself into "a sacred crusade" against the 18,000 other Spaniards on the side of the Wehrmacht, Nearly 5,000 of them died in the ar against the Russians. Since all of them lie in

unmarked graves in a vast swath of territory around Novgorod, the Garrido brothers quickly realised that,

THE continuing absence from

the Kremlin of President

Yeltsin has fostered an atmo-

sphere of dark political in-

trigue that bodes ill for his

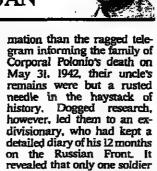
new term even before he is

The President is taking

what is publicly described as a

"holiday" but is widely as-

inaugurated.



In 1993 they made their first visit to Chutyni, visiting all the cemeteries in the region. By their second visit, two

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW

public view the more the

Moscow rumour-mill specu-

lates about his health. "Do you

think he will last until the

inauguration? Or will it take

place in Barvikha?" one Mem-

ber of Parliament said mis-

chievously last week. There is

a widespread belief that he

suffered a minor stroke last

from the close-knit Blue Divi-

sion had died on May 31, 1942,

at Chutyni, a village four miles north of Novgorod. The brothers had "found" their



Miguel Garrido: gave pledge as teenager

years later, they realised they needed much more precise information. Returning to Spain, they trawled for months through the military archives in Avila - neglecting their legal practice in Toledo
— until they stumbled upon a crude map of 20 graves, marked "Chutyni", with a number against each one.

the Russian Army". Yet there is opposition. The Ministry of Defence would prefer any memorial to be in Russia. Sixty years after the start of the Civil War, disinterring Blue Division warriors could television for help. By a stroke raise more than the dust of Novgorod. But the most bitter antagonists are the surviving divisionaries. A hard core of the Brotherhood of the Blue Division has stated that its dead should be left in Russia.

One of them went so far as to

warn the brothers that it

would be sacrilege to bring their comrades back to the

Chutyni contacted them. They

had, it seems, the other half of

the "Chutyni map", with the

key to each grave number

sia next week. Meanwhile

they have started a campaign

to bring back the remains of

all Spanish soldiers who died in Russia. They have received

hundreds of letters from wid-

ows and descendants of

divisionaries, many asking for help to find the remains of

"the soldier from the family

Senior army generals are on their side, and there is talk

of an Arlington-style memori-

al in Alijares, near Toledo, to

"all the Spanish dead, even

those who fought alongside

who went to Russia".

ne was Corporal Polonio's.



Mariano Polonio: volunteered for "sacred crusade"

Heritage succumbs to modern life and death IT HAS been a poignant week for The name is regarded as proof that the

Toledo. Samuel Toledano, the president of the Spanish Israelite Community, died. Descended from a 15th-century grand rabbl, he embodied the city's Jewish dimension, once dominant but now all but disappeared. Traces of the country's Jewish past survive in some surnames. Toledano, or Toledan, is one. person is descended from conversos. Jews who responded to the threat of the Reconquest ("Your religion or your life") by taking refuge in Roman Catholicism.

□ IF you ever go to Spain and visit Madrid." wrote Alexandre Dumas, "hire a carriage, find a coach, walt for a

Rumours rife as Yeltsin stays away

caravan if need be, but go to Toledo, Madame, go to Toledo". Yet today's residents are leaving in droves. A study has predicted that scarcely anyone will live in the old city centre by 2005. What was a medieval Manhattan is unsuited to modern Spaniards. Philip II, who moved court from Toledo to Madrid in

look in good form for the

ceremony. There is no ques-

tion of him travelling to the

closing ceremony of the Olym-

pic Games in Atlanta and Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, will probably

In scenes reminiscent of the

early 1980s, when the Soviet

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Moscow: Muscovites are having to face a new trauma this month with the abolition of the Metro token (Thomas de Waal writes).

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the cost of a ticket will reflect the length of a journey. The change is aimed at stopping fare dodging - as the zhetous are easily forged.

Eta kills businessman who resisted extortion

BY TUNKU VARADARAJAN

GUNMEN from Eta shot dead a Spanish businessman resterday at Ordizia, near San Sebastian in northern Spain, apparently because he had refused to pay the Basque sepa-

Isidro Usabiaga, the owner of a local construction company, was shot several times in the head, back and abdomen as he returned home at dawn after celebrating with

ratist group a "revolutionary

friends at a local fiesta. Businesses in the Basque region are frequently the object of extortion by Eta. There have been numerous in-

stances of violence against

those who have refused to pay the so-called tax. Señor Usabiaga, 56, a father

of three, had received death threats on several occasions. After his murder, Jaime Mayor Oreja, the Spanish Interior Minister, praised him for his "civic duty and honour" in defying Eta extortion.

Yesterday's murder confirms that, despite recent arrests and setbacks, Eta remains determined to continue with its summer of terror

Twenty-four British tourists have been injured in a campaign of violence which begain a fortnight ago.

West Bank sealed off after two killings

FROM ROSS DUNN IN JERUSALEM

THE Israeli Government yesterday sealed off the West Bank and ordered an all-out search for Arab guerrillas after gunmen killed two Israelis and critically wounded a third in a night-time drive-by

The incident, southwest of Jerusalem, was the second drive-by shooting in the past

two months in Israel. In the latest attack, a 60year-old man and his 25-yearold daughter-in-law died when their car was riddled with bullets. The woman's husband was also critically wounded and his mother treated for shock. Israeli soldiers and police set up road blocks, but the gunmen were thought to have fled to the West Bank, where more than a million Palestinians live,

The Government said the security forces had been given a free hand to track down those responsible, but it was unclear whether they had actually been ordered to enter Palestinian-controlled areas within the West Bank. "There will be no compromise in antiterrorism actions or limitations on the action of our security forces," said a government statement, issued after the weekly Cabinet meeting. Binyamin Netanyahu, the

Prime Minister, called on Yassir Arafat, the President of the Palestinian Authority, to do all in his power to stop Palestinian militants attacking Israeli citizens. "We demand the Palestinian Authority act to quash the terror of the terrorist organisations, without distinction," Mr Netanyahu said. He also ordered that unspecified new measures be taken to bolster security in the area where the attack occurred.

Mr Arafat replied that he had no information about the attackers, and condemned Israel for punishing all Palestinians by shutting off the West Bank. The closure prevented thousands of Palestinians from reaching their workplaces in Israel.

Mr Arafat's media adviser, Mr Nabil Abu Rdainah, said. "The Israeli closure of the West Bank is a barbaric act, a provocation, and an act of

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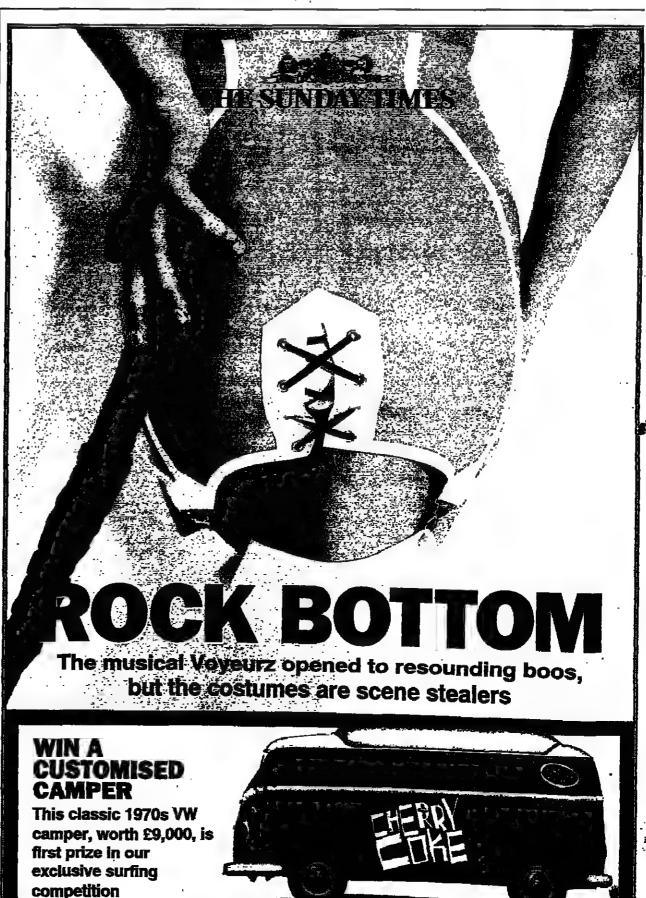
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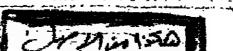
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That wonderful victory had

anthems up on the screen.

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Niamh Cusack excels as the RSC stages Molière's The Learned Ladies in Stratford





The countries of the former British

Empire often have tunes resem-

bling Victorian hymns: slow, noble

and dreary. France gave her

former colonies a taste for tunes

that resemble Foreign Legion bu-gle-calls; while most of Latin

America's national anthems sound

like bad Verdi opera arias - and

in one or two cases actually are.

Latin America also boasts the

longest anthems, with Brazil's

running to a Wagnerian 112 bars.

Finally, there are the moody.

minor-key, "life is tough and it's

going to get a lot worse" tunes. The old Communist bloc was the world

leader in these, but Israel's is also

But then, it's a big country.

ON MONDAY

Bryan Adams at Wembley, and the weekend's Proms: read Britain's best critics in The Times



■ NEXT WEEK

Summer snapshots: how do the top tourist attractions measure up in their busy season?

ou probably think that there is quite enough coverage of the Olympics already, without the wretched stuff invading the sacred turi of the arts page. Well, in a sense that is true. If you must have details of medal prospects in the bearded ladies' steroid-swallowing final, turn to our sports

section (pages 40 to 9,428).
But this is the column that gets to the essentials. Yes, readers, I mean the national anthems. I love them. Actually I love everything about the medal ceremonies; the flags, the bouquets, the presentations by such luminaries as the deputy vice-president of the Ukraine Volleyball Federation. The only sad thing about the ceremonies, in fact, is the sport in between. Can't they cut that out? It really slows down the action.

For national anthem fans, the Olympics are invaluable. Where else (except in Andorra, of course) can you hear the stirring words of the Andorran hymn?

The great Charlemagne from the Saracens liberated me,

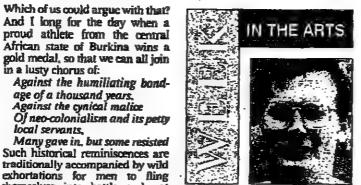
Great songs, shame about the sport Which of us could argue with that? Meritxell the great Mother. And I long for the day when a proud athlete from the central You have to admit, it's cracking

able National Anthems of the gold medal, so that we can all join World by the telly. Then, when a in a lusty chorus of: medal ceremony comes along. I Against the humiliating bondcan quickly find the relevant page age of a thousand years.
Against the cynical malice and join in - because for some reason they never put the words of Of neo-colonialism and its petty

Some people think that national Many gave in, but some resisted anthems are all superficial pomp. Such historical reminiscences are That's nonsense. You can tell a lot traditionally accompanied by wild exhortations for men to fling themselves into battle and not about a nation from its anthem. Some reflect an obsession with a return until they have lost a leg, or defining moment — usually a battle or revolution. The Starat least a few fingers. After all, as the Congo national anthem puts it:

And if we have to die Spangled Banner is the most

What does it really matter? Contrast that with the gentleness of Tagore's lyrical verses, now adopted as Bangladesh's national



RICHARD MORRISON

In spring, O mother mine, The fragrance of your mango

a classic of the genre. Makes me wild with joy.
Musically, national anthems di-Some national anthems are triumphs of diplomacy. The Swiss vide into four categories, usually anthem has five verses: one in each

depending on the colonial back-ground of the country concerned. national language. And when Czechoslovakia divided into two countries, the national anthem was also split down the middle. Very civilised, and very different from the Malaysian Government, which pinched a popular song as its national anthem - and then unsportingly banned anyone from singing the original lyrics.

Even in our comparatively relaxed Western democracies, those who treat national anthems irreverently do so at their peril. Until quite recently America had a law preventing anybody from altering the words, tune, harmony or orchestration of The Star-Spangled Banner. Even Stravinsky had his knuckies rapped when he mildly spiced it up. That explains the shock waves when Jimi Hendrix dragged the poor old Banner backwards through an

Similarly, Benjamin Britten's version of God save the Queen, which sounds like Chopin's Funeral March without the jokes, caused great agitation when it was first heard. As for Tchaikovsky's frisky debunking of La Marseillaise - well, you don't hear 1812 played much in Paris. It doesn't look as if we will be

singing God save the Queen very often in these Olympics, does it? Never mind; we do in fact share the same tune as Liechtenstein. So, in the event of our central European friends producing a superheavyweight pasty-hurling Olympic champion, here is The Times's special singalong word-sheet for

Oben am jungen Rhein Lehnet sich Liechtenstein An Alpenhöh'n. Dies liebe Heimatland. Das teure Vaterland. Hat Gottes weise Hand Für uns erseh'n.

Now that's something that you won't read on the sports pages.

We shouldn't laugh, but

Molitre's Learned Ladies an attrac-L tive young woman makes this ringing declaration: "It is offering our sex too great an insult to insist that the scope of our intelligence extend no further than to judge of a petticoat or the hand of a mantle, the beauties of lace or a new brocade." Even the Shakespeare who composed a classic speech of submission for the housebroken Katherine would have agreed with that. But Molière, writing a century later in the world's most sophisticated city, makes it clear that such sentiments are offences against nature, good order and the rights of men.

An article in the programme mounts an apologia for the piece, suggesting that it is about the sociology of the Paris salon at a time of hange. Maybe so. But this does not prevent it being a more reactionary comedy than The Taming of the Shrew, a play that, even without the spurious twists modern directors give it, does attribute strength and a certain fineness to its rebel heroine. Molière's genteel bluestockings are de-luded puritans or dangerous fools or both. And, just to add to the offence, the play is

undeniably funny. Steven Pimlott's production makes it instantly obvious where our sympathies should lie. Jane Gurnett's sweet, demure Henriette, who plans to marry the courtier Clitandre. gently informs her disbeliev-

THEATRE

The Learned Ladies Other Place, Stratford

ing sister Armande that hearth and home are enough. Niamh Cusack's sharp, sly Armande, who long ago rejected Clitandre for books, reproaches her for being a slave to men and the flesh, but inadvertently betrays the fact that she wants to keep her old admirer permanently dan-gling on her emotional hook. It is a wryly observed, finely acted scene, and others are to

In sails Alison Fiske as the young women's Aunt Belise. whose magnificently unassailable conviction is that half Paris is dying for the sexual favours she is too high-minded to give. She is followed by a still more majestically absurd figure, Caroline Blakiston's Philamente, who is the girls' mother and thinks of herself as a feminist Plato, but more profound than the original. With Belise and Armande she then proceeds to fete Trissotin, a bad poet on the make, in Roger Allam's performance a dough-faced creep heaving and wincing with self-love. The scene in which these "learned ladies" transform themselves into his groupies, repeating his doggerel like a mantra and subjecting the worst of it to Empsonian

analysis, is irresistible.



In the line of Learned Ladies: (left to right) Jane Gurnett, Alison Fiske, Niamh Cusack and Caroline Blakiston

So much for the playwright's determination to guy the mildest attempt to rebalance the gender scales. What of the plot? That is standard Molière, involving Phila-Henriette from Clitandre, who is as eligible and honest as with names like

bestow her on Trissotin, here a groper as well as a moneygrubber. But it brings more fun than usual, thanks to the shamefaced bluster and truculent tics of John Quayle as a husband unable to stand up to his powerful wife. company uses A.R.

Clitandre always are, and Waller's simple prose translation, arguing, maybe rightly. that it makes the play more immediate than Anglicising Molière's verse; but Pimlott is surely wrong to update the costumes from 17th to 20thcentury in the second half, for it only emphasises how dated the sexual politics are. Making

the lone scene-shifter a commedia clown is also a mistake, and the Cole Porterish songs that introduce each act add little. But, oh dear, I enjoyed much of the evening. I shouldn't have, but I did.

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Birling, the rich daughter who breaks ranks, in Stephen Daldry's recast An Inspector Calls.

Where she started: Schlesinger grew up near Windsor, the child of an English lecturer and psychiatric social worker. Her parents also took her to the theatre from an early age. When she went up to Oxford to read English, she thought she might become a journalist. "But I was caught up in acting," she says.

Any heroines? "Judi Dench, She's passionate and witty once and, in everything she does, she gives more than 100 per cent. That's what's thrilling."

Hopes: "I'd love to do Chekhov," she says, surely a Masha in the making. "The brilliance of his plays, and Shakespeare's, is that you are neither in a tragedy nor a farce but a truly complex character living life as it is, wonderful and awful. I'd love to be in a musical, too."

On berself: "I take life quite seriously. But I feel quite happy with myself, too."

The pros and cons of acting: "In six months' time, you might be doing absolutely anything," she says. "Or, in six months' time, you might be doing absolutely nothing." Probably not in her case.

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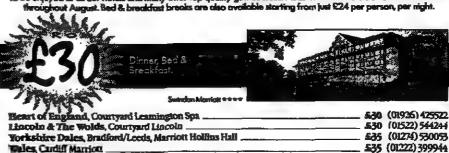
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OPERA: Hugh Canning spots new stars in the easy atmosphere of the 'American Glyndebourne'

Seeking out the St Louis clues

he ambience at the Webster University campus, the site of the Loretto-Hilton theatre where Opera Theatre of St Louis mounts its five-week, four-opera season, has drawn comparison with Glyndebourne, though the atmo-sphere is more casual: practical summer dress is preferred and the bubbly is the local style champenois.

Artistically, Opera Theatre and Glyndebourne have linle in common, and the St Louis company generally spots young American stars up to ten years before the Sussex festival does. I first saw a then unknown Dawn Upshaw - a Glyndebourne debutante this summer - on my first visit to St Louis in 1986. Susan Graham, this summer's new Dorabella on the South Downs, was Opera Theatre's Charlotte in Werther in 1989. Other alumni of the St Louis company include Lorraine Hunt, Sylvia McNair, Jerry Hadley, and Thomas Hampson. Christine Brewer - an OTSL regular - sings at both Covent Garden (Donna Anna) and the Coliseum (Ariadne)

Two of the class of 1996

CLASSICAL CONCERTS

stand out: a lustrous mezzo, Kristine Jepson, as Sesto in Mozart's La Clemenza di Tito, and Nathan Gunn, a dashingly handsome young Figaro in Rossini's The Barber of Seville. I first saw Jepson, too, exactly ten years ago in the bit part of Modestina in Opera Theatre's staging of Rossini's The Journey to Rheims, but in the cceeding decade she has developed spectacularly, with a mezzo of von Stade-like velvet and suppleness but with a lean-and-hungry edge which made Sesto's love-blind treachery and subsequent remorse all the more moving.

This Clemenza - sung in a faithful and singable new English translation by An-drew Porter — was the clear highlight of the festival in a strikingly beautiful, neo-classical setting by Neil Peter Jampolis who also directed the show: he has updated it to the time of Mussolini and it worked extremely well. A creepy atmosphere of conspiracy and suspicion in a Fascist society was heightened by whosesale transvestism: chorus sopranos were nattily dressed male youths, while tenors and basses impersonat-



Fascist fantasy: Neil Peter Jampolis's La Clemenza di Tito, the highlight of the festival, is set in the era of Mussolini

ed sinister comulent, middleaged Roman women.

The former music director of Sadler's Well Opera. Mario Bernardi, conducted with oldfashioned Mozartian grandeur, but stylishly emphasised the beauties of Mozart's wind writing. Elizabeth Printy sang excitingly as a Vitellia with nearly all the notes and John Horton Murray coped heroically with Tito's coloratura.

Puccini's La Rondine, staged with old-fashioned theatrical éclat by John Copley and spectacularly designed in Art Deco style by John Conklin, was almost as enjoy-able. In the young French

conductor, Emmanuel Vuillaume. St Louis found a natural Puccinian, to whom the orchestra responded with its most exhilarating playing. The large cast was lead by Susan Patterson, who sang Magda's famous solo with a big Puccinian heart and a voice of silvery focus and thrilling volume. Her tenor lover, Ruggiero, young Ste-phen Mark Brown, had a

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dark-toned, grainy voice suggested the German repertoire would be his eventual home. Usually, Opera Theatre's artistic director, the Briton

Colin Graham, can be relied upon to provide the most stimulating theatre, but this, alas, was not a vintage Graham year: the Barber production was a coarse affair, the humour aimed no higher than that of a late-night American

The singing, on the other hand, was marvellous. As well as Gunn's Figaro, there was a sparkling Rosina from Theodora Hanslowe, a hilarious and roundly sung Bartolo from David Evitts, and an elegant Count Almaviva from Gordon Gietz. Arthur Woodley's Basilio was neither seedy enough, nor conspiratorial,

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but his bass is a fine, booming instrument. Finally, there was Graham's new production of Britten's The Rape of

Lacretia. In a sense it was an exemplary production — though I could not see the point of Erhard Rom's dowdy abstract set - and it was well sung by Robynne Redmon (Lucretia), Raymond Very (Male Chorus) and Christine Goerke (Fernale Chorus), who disported a bright soprano of dramatic potential. Stephen Lord conducted with commitment but did not convince me that this is one of Britten's more inspired scores.

Big, bold and electric

THE Royal Ballet's latest mixed bill has an end-of-term armosphere of high jinks on stage and gasps in the audience. Critics may curl a sneering public lip at ballet titbits of the kind which fill the middle of the evening. But I bet I am not the only one who enjoys a flashy circus display when performers have the high wattage of the team we watched on the first night.

In the Corsaire pas de deux. Miyako Yoshida held her own, exquisitely poised self against Tetsuya Kumakawa, who fizzed and floated as if reluctant to come back down to earth. However, for masculine elegance l nominate the guest artist Igor Zelensky, formerly of the Kirov, now with New York City Ballet, who must surely be the most thrilling male dancer of the new generation. A pupil of the late Vakhtang Chabukiani whose heroic glamour and virtuosity made him a liv-ing Soviet legend. Zelensky is a fitting dancer to inherit his torch.

A tall man, he danced so big in Balanchine's Tchaikovsky pas de deux that he actually made the Royal Opera House stage look too small. His jumps surge high with a sustained force that has neither wildness nor strain, but has absolute classic perfection of shape. limbs stretching out to encompass vast tracts of

He lands noiselessly and precisely; and when he reaches out to his ballerina, the tilt of his head and arc of his arm create a dramatic grandeur. His height and DANCE

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partnering skills meant he was a wonderful match for

Darcey Bussell, who excels in this kind of plotness choreography with her fresh, uncluttered way of pouncing on the movement. Sylvie Guillem is also in her element in the technical exhibitionism of Gsovsky's Grand Pas classique. She has the chic and tongue-in-cheek knowingness to spice up the effect, a talent for playfulness that returns at the programme's close in William Forsythe's Herman Schmerman. What a shame, though, that her repertoire with the Royal Ballet these recent years has

stuck with the same few

What a shame also that, only days after the inexplicable announcement that the Royal Ballet would not. after all, appear at the Albert Hall during the Opera House closure, with this programme came another cancellation. tantalisingly rare showing of the pas de deux from Petipa's 1889 ballet. The

Talisman, was jettisoned 24 hours before opening. Apparently even in this age of fax and e-mail, the company had been unable to obtain the full orchestral score from Russia in time. Bad luck? Bad management? You do wonder.

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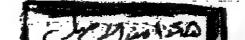
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MANCHESTER'S Royal Exchange Theatre, bombed by the IRA and now operating out of temporary premises, will benefit from a gala on Monday at the Royal Northern College of Music. The actors Robert Lindsay and Cheryl Campbell will join the Halle Orchestra under its conductor Kent Nagano for a performance of Walton's Facade; also in the programme is Berlioz's Symphonie Fantastique. Tickets (£50) from Ol61-907 9000.

 MAINA GIELGUD has been appointed director of the Royal Danish Ballet, filling the vacancy caused when Peter Schaufuss left only a few months after taking the job last year. The English-born Gielgud, 51, is just completing 14 years as director of the Australian Ballet.

 MOST of the excitement in the Royal Shakespeare Company's 1996/97 season in Stratford is likely to be found at the little Other Place, where Katie Mitchell has been charged with "exploring the culture of the medieval period". The plans, announced this week, include two evenings of miracle plays staged by herself, and Kathryn Hunter and Marcello Magni's production of Everyman.

● THE veteran Australian conductor. Sir Charles Mackerras, has withdrawn from conducting the closing concert of next month's Edinburgh Festival - Mendelssohn's Elijah — because a bad shoulder makes conducting a work of "such massive proportions" impossible. However, he will still conduct Beethoven's Fidelio and Haydn's The Creation at the festival. These works, apparently, "do not require the same range of arm and shoulder movements as

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God gets a crack at the best tunes

where and nowhere, a raging noise and a deafening silence.

Gospel has exerted an extraordinary influence on popular culture: without it there might never have been a Ray Charles, a James Brown - or a Mariah Carey. We hear echoes of it in Top 40 sungs,

but we seldom, if ever, see a bona fide gospel singer in the chart shows. Expensive marketing campaigns are devoted to reissues of recordings by the blues pioneer Robert Johnson: the names of Thomas Dorsey and the other founding fathers of gospel receive barely a traction of the attention. Kirk Franklin,

the young Dallas **6** American forms at the Feschurches are tonight, is one of America's bigincreasingly gest-selling artists at the moment it is turning safe to say, though, that away from hardly anyone in spirituals 9 this country has

Gospel, in short, is the great unknown. making amends on August 4, when Channel 4 launches Too Close to Heaven, a diligently researched three-part history Afro-American sacred music, from its origins in the early slave songs and the decorous 19th-century hymns of the Fisk Jubilee Singers to the funky urban sound of Franklin, Andrae Crouch and the Winan brothers, the worshippers' answer to the Jacksons.

heard of him.

Amid all the dancefloor rhythms and Pentecostal feryour the more staid ethos of a cappella singing sometimes seems in danger of being drowned out. On the same day that Too Close to Heaven arrives on our screens, the London Adventist Chorale, a 28-strong choir drawn from the best of the capital's Seventh-Day Adventist churches. will give an afternoon recital at the Proms, performing spirituals and sacred songs, as well as the world premiere of Who Has Set Thy Glory, by the American Shelton Kilby.

The Kilby commission is one of the fruits of victory, ahead of 300 entrants, in last year's Sainsbury's Choir of the Year competition. The event proved a double triumph for Ken Burton, the chorale's 26-year-old director, who also conducted one of the runnersup, a Seventh-Day Adventist choir from Croydon. On Deep River, the chorale's recently issued recording, the Afro-American and European traditions go hand in hand. religious conviction channeled through intricate harmonies

and precise enunciation. The interpretations of Ezekiel and I Go to the Rock make for profoundly inspiring listening, for religious and secular ears alike. Sad to say. it is not the kind of music that

> church audiences, who prefer more uptempo forms. Burton has found that American churches. and even some of

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the long-estab lished cumpus choirs, are in-We have a chance to start creasingly turning away from spirituals precisely because, just as with blues music, the younger generation regards them as embarrassing reminders of an age of suffering. Increasingly, the glossier production values of so-called "contemporary gospel" - some of it barely distinguishable from everyday pop and soul — are making most of the running.

Its roots extend back to the extraordinary success, in 1969, of the Edwin Hawkins Sing ers' version of the Baptist hymn Oh Happy Day. Here was proof, some argued, that gospel could reach a broader public without compromising its evangelising mission. By the 1980s some of the biggest names in the field were crossing into the mainstream with upbeat "inspirational" songs that avoided mentioning God - or, if they did, tended to make Him sound like a smouldering lover with big pecs.

Traditionalists were not impressed. One virtue of Too Close to Heaven is that it devotes ample space to this company avarice for the lowoften acrimonious debate. As one member of the older generation observes: "The kind of gospel music that they're producing today is too weak to pull a people through

a struggle."
Part of the problem, perhaps, is that modern soul music has been passing through a particularly dull phuse in which a slick beat invariably triumphs over melody. It is hardly surprising that some of those bad habits have infected gospel too.

Viv Broughton, consultant on Too Close to Heaven and author of the book of the series, also blames record ering of standards. But he finds room for optimism in the advent of "new traditionalists" such as Franklin and Herekiah Walker, performers who have put explicit religious references back into their lyr-ics. Others argue that, in any case, it is the message and not the form that matters most. The gospel train has, if you like, moved from the romantic age of steam to the sleeker but impersonal era of diesel. But it is still on track.

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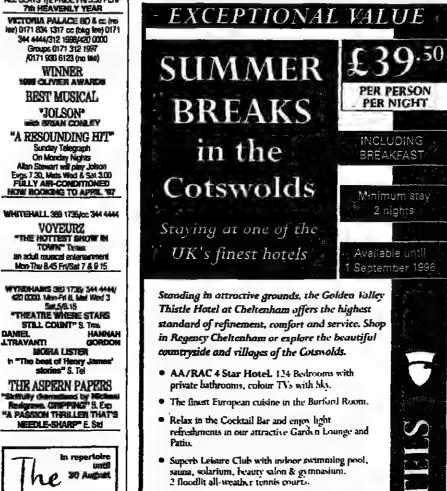
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Whoever wins the election will have to decide whether to replace the pound with the euro within a few weeks, says John Redwood

The timetable for European Monetary Union (EMU) is closing in. Whoever wins a May election, it would mean putting crucial legislation into the Queen's Speech of the new Parliament. The Cabinet would have to agree to make the Bank of England independent by legislation. Parliament's approval to opt into the single currency would be needed. All this would have to happen within a month or two of an election, in order to be able to opt in by the end of 1997. The EU will take its decision on which countries are to be the first to join during the

early weeks of 1998. It is difficult to see how Britain could go through an election cam-paign with both leading parties saying that the single currency issue will be settled later, when everyone knows that the decision would have to be taken by the new Cabinet within days of the election result being known. What would either party leader learn between early May and the end of May that they do not already know? The nature of the single currency plan is written down in the Treaty. The details of how the currency will work in practice will only become

A single currency won't wait

clearer when the new European against Conservative. On the

central bank is up and running. If you want to influence some thing, you need to know your own mind. It is untrue that we can only influence the plan if we stay com-mitted to the possibility of joining the currency as soon as it is es-tablished. Britain will remain a member of the committees considering the details of EMU. Like all the other member states, the UK has no further chance to influence the main outlines, because they are in the Treaty and are not being renegotiated. We can all have our say on the wide range of secondary legislation that will be needed.

Abolishing the pound represents a serious threat to any party that tries it. A Major Government would find a large number of Conservatives in strong opposition to it. It could only be carried with Opposition votes, in the face of ministerial resignations. The referendum campaign that would ensue would see Conservative pitted

present showing of the opinion polis the sceptics would win, and the very future of the Government would be brought into question for recommending something which the electorate rejected. A significant number of Labour MPs would oppose any such move to the bitter end. A Blair government would have to rely on wayward Conservative votes to deliver it.

There are those who suggest that there are two warring factions in both Labour and Conservatives, and that it is equally conceivable that either party could recommend joining or not joining the single currency. These commentators ignore the asymmetry of the position. If the governing party decides against joining there is no need for any contentious legislation. There would be no all-night sittings to fight through a difficult constitutional measure line by line, no need for deals with opposition parties, no need to go fishing for votes in unlikely waters. It is doubtful if either party in opposition would table a motion about it, as that would only highlight their own divisions. Conversely, if either decided to go ahead with EMU, there would be vote after vote that would weaken the Government's authority. Maastricht would look like a playground fight compared to the mme of the single currency.

In the meantime our partners are far from idle or undecided. Both Germany and France, in their different ways, are committed to the scheme. Knowing their own minds, they are telling their businesses to prepare. Germany has information lines for people to ring to hear of the plans for the new currency. Around the European tables, the German Government insists that political union is the price of monetary union, that Germany's own contribution to the Community is too large, and that the new currency must have many of the characteristics of the DM.

The Bundesbank has said that any applicant should be in the Exchange Rate Mechanism (ERM). If you wish to join the single currency. first you must establish yourselves as good members of the exchange rate club, as the Treaty says.

France is also keen to put the rest of the EU into an ERM with the new currency, rightly seeing that countries outside the scheme could have a compensive advantage, to the cost of the French economy. France wants to protect its position before the damage is too big and too permanent. It will demand other types of protection, too, if the euro is brought in. With one in eight already out of work as a result of the policy, the French Government knows there will be trouble ahead if it does not achieve some protection for French jobs.

The British people are slowly waking up to the magnitude of the change. Sold originally as a welcome commission-free traveller's cheque, people now begin to see The foreign exchange vaults of the Bank of England would be emptied and the contents sent to the Bank in Frankfurt. The EU is already talking of the large increase in Community spending it would take to back up a single currency. Just as today Southern England sends vast sums to Northern Ireland, recognising our obligations in a single currency area and a single country. so we would have to recognise similar obligations to Brandenburg Prussia and the other poorer parts of a European currency union if

one were formed. It would not be long before people were alarmed by the prospect of higher taxation from Brussels, in the name of a common fiscal policy. The French, if we formed a currency union, would soon argue that Britain had an unfair advantage from lower taxes, and that this ought to be changed. The EU would soon discover, as Germany did in her currency union of East and West, that these unions are much dearer than first estimates, and that taxpayers have to pay.

At some point the public and the politicians have to talk about all these things. Kenneth Clarke once asked for a good debate on these matters: more recently the Government has been shy about them. They are crucial to the future of our nation. Passions run high. It is difficult to believe that either party would want to split itself from top to bottom by trying to ram a single currency through a reluctant House of Commons, and onto an unwilling people. Trying to do so . by default would be unforgivable.

I am happy to debate with any sensible democrat the advantage they see in EMU. I can see none. I think Britain would have far more influence, and win far more respect, if it said so. We should either say a single currency is wrong for Europe, or set out our terms for. one. We cannot go on pretending we do not know and need not know. That way we will have no impact at all on this crucial continental debate. Germany and France have made their terms clear. We should disagree, and set out our terms for

The Lords gives better value than

the Commons, says Alice Thomson

It's not the peers who need reform

A long recess, it is a sobering thought that the next parliamentary year may be the last in which hereditary peers will sit in the Lords. Yet the Labour politicians so eager to abolish this legislative anachronism should pause: perhaps it is not the "ermine-lined dustbin" that requires reform, but its democratic nextdoor neighbour, the House of

Commons. The Lower Chamber is in danger of becoming little more than a tourist site to be fitted in between Big Ben and Westminster Abbey. It is increasingly sparsely populated. Ministerial careers are made with the Dimblebys, not at the dispatch box, and backbenchers prefer to stand in the rain being interviewed for television rather than debate in the centrally-heated chamber.

Wander over to the red baize undemocratic end of the Palace, however, and the Lord Chancellor's woolsack has become one of Westminster's hotseats. Those who suggest that this is a last gasp of activity from a doomed institution have missed the point. In the runup to the general election, their lordships are moving to fill the vacuum left by the Commons, where free debate is stifled by the party hierarchies. The Governmentadetermined to rush through legislation in case there is an early election, has launched five of its Bills, including the most controver-

sial, in the Lords.

Zimmer frames have been cast aside in favour of serious scrutiny of the minutiae of Bills, or good oidfashioned political intrigue - more interesting retirement hobbies than gardening. Last year, on average, 380 peers attended every day, split equally between the 750 hereditaries and 300 life peers. They pored over every detail of the Broadcasting Bill and overturned the Government's policy of conceding many big sporting events to satellite television. They also ambushed the Government's plans for nursery education vouchers and tried to water down the Asylum Bill. With nine major rebellions since Christmas, both hereditary and life peers are enjoying flexing

their ageing muscles. Their seniority is, indeed, a plus: most peers do not like speaking without having some knowledge; nor are they interested in promotion. Moral issues such as the much-amended Family Law Bill

fascinate them. Lords debates are

s Parliament rises for the still places for them to make up long recess, it is a sobering their minds. Nor do peers have any

interest in vulgar publicity. Peers can be predictable. Landowners' rights are upheld and gamebirds saved from European interference. But they have also introduced backbench initiatives to scrap tipping, outlaw sex tourism and uphold medical confidentiality.

Peers achieve all this with relatively little support. Unlike MPs. few peers have offices and so they can't follow debates on television while dictating letters to their secretaries, but have to go and listen in person. Most peers are a bargain. For each day they attend the Lords, they get £138.50. There are some peers who use the cash for a decent lunch and spend the afternoon snoozing. But the Commons and the European Parliament at Strasbourg have similar culprits - at much larger salaries.

Recent changes to both Houses have served only to accentuate the growing disparity. The Jopling reforms in the Commons, designed to help young MPs with children. have ended all-night sittings and

many debates on Fridays. In the Lords, it was assumed that most peers were grandparents and no longer needed to read bedtime stories to their offspring. As a result they regularly keep going after ten o'clock and on Fridays their debates are far better-attended than those in the Commons.

ournalists are slowly cottoning on to the influence that the newly-invigorated Lords now wields. There are sometimes ten reporters in the Upper House and only five left in the Lower Chamber. Tourists have to be prised away from the Lords, but in the Commons they are bored within

This is not to argue that there is no life left in the Commons. Prime Minister's Question Time, the bear pit of British politics, is watched by viewers from Hong Kong to Ala-bama. But away from such setpiece events, many of the debates are dreary affairs.

Some Labour peers are beginning to wonder whether the Upper House should be tampered with when it is clearly working. Elected politicians, who seem determined to meddle with their sister chamber, should consider that the greater the prominence they give to the Lords, the more impressive it looks in comparison to their own tired

Joe Klein and his white lie.

America is in turmoil after the

author of Primary Colors is rumbled

The word has such delicious potency that we hardly dare use it. The House of Commons bans it. It is forbidden to children. But when a lie is palpable and public, we seize it gleefully and roll it round our tongues. "Liar!" is the ultimate accusation. Truth is so precious that we dress its opposite in Satan's weeds. If Desdemona lied, she must die.

Hence the turmoil that this week consumed America's journalists and delighted its politicians. One of Washington's most senior columnists, Joe Klein, told a bare-faced lie. He denied authorship of the "anonymous" Primary Colors, top of world bestseller lists. When challenged, he continued the denial. "For God's sake, I didn't write it," he told The New York Times. He lied to colleagues on Newsweek magazine and CBS television. He lied to the great Dan Rather on screen, normally enough to make Mount Rushmore erupt. The only people to whom he

editor and his agent, things no man can do. Primary Colors

did not lie were his

is a racy account of President Clinton's path to the through the vehicle of a novel. The

Clintons are the "Stantons", up to the usual raunchy political and sexual tricks. The technique enables the writer to tell a good yarn about famous people by simply changing their names and thus evading any obligation to accuracy or fairness. For additional protection. Mr Klein submitted the novel to the publishers, Random House, anonymously through his agent. is a distinguished columnist and did not want to risk tainting his reputation with a possibly secondrate work of fiction. The House of Klein must be above such things.

For its part Random House thought the anonymous tag would be a good marketing gimmick. It could imply that the book was by a White House insider, thus giving its "revelations" added authenticity. Any number of famous names could be implicated in the hype, from the disgruntled presidential aide, George Stephanopoulos, even to Henry Kissinger. The gimmick worked. The book topped the bestseller list and has made Mr Klein a reported £4 million. It is

rou told a lie, an odious already on its way to Hollywood, damne'd lie;/ Upon my with Tom Hanks and Emma soul, a lie, a wicked lie." Thompson vying to play the Stanton/Clintons.

Mr Klein was first fingered as author by a textual analyst. He denied it vehemently and berated the analyst's professionalism. Two weeks ago a handwriting expert saw an annotated typescript of the book and repeated the charge in The Washington Post. Now there was no doubt. Mr Klein summoned press conference and confessed. What to him had been a white lie, a trivial denial of a light-hearted work of satire, was suddenly white no more. With little else to distract it. American journalism embarked on a long, dark night of the soul. At such moments, the Spanish Inquisition can seem like a cornedy

Mr Klein's professional colleagues fell on him. He has tainted us all, thundered The New York Times, despite his having tainted nobody but himself. The Washington Post took up the cry: "Journalists rely on trust. Lying erodes that trust." The editor

of The Columbia Journalism Review bellowed than cannot be purvey ors of lies: "He compromised his ethics in order to maximise his profits." (God forbid

that such temptation should ever cross the mind of an American university.)
Mr Klein's initial response was robust. He was just "protecting a

source," the source being himself. There were apparently two Mr Kleins in the case, the anonymous author and the famous journalist. They were tugged by what he called "two different ethical systems", those of publishing and journal-ism, of anonymity and fame, presumably of mendacity and truth. He wanted to keep them

If he owned up, he writes in the current Newsweek, "my whole life would be different, the celebrity, the impact on my family ... I didn't want that." As for his media critics, The overzealous, bloodthirsty, witless pursuit over a very trivial matter does far more damage to journalists than anything I have done." American politicians, long victims of Mr Klein's pen, are falling about with glee.

Last week Mr Klein changed his tune. The matter was suddenly serious. His jobs with Newsweek



Joe Klein flourishes a Groucho Marx disguise as he reveals himself as author of Primary Colors

was threatened with relegation to the ranks of Hollywood potboiler writers. He was duly contrite. Ghostbuster became wimp. At a press conference that might have been scripted by Woody Alien, he admitted that he had all along "felt uneasy about my little white lies". Deciding to continue with them had been "a tough call". He added, "I couldn't sleep, I couldn't eat. I kept drinking water, but felt dehy-

The insomnia and dehydration were master strokes. American professions love being told that their work is fraught with ethical dilemma, and possibly a health risk. Let the world know that we lie awake at night, cried the penitent Mr Klein, dehydrated in the struggle to tell truth from lies. He then went one better. He was advised by his Newsweek employers to face his colleagues in a group therapy session, to tell them that he wanted to "hear the full force of your concerns, your confusion, your anger. That the staff were glorying in the publicity and loved seeing a bigwig columnist brought low was a suggestion beneath contempt.

The Washington Post reported that "with tears in his eyes and his voice cracking. Klein apologised to the staff". A top editor reacted: "He was genuinely tortured. It was

and CBS were on the line and he extremely emotional and pretty. When he wrote a satire on the wrenching to sit through... but this is what people have been waiting for." The company remarked that he would not be fired - he was now an even more famous columnist — but he "must sort out the complex issues of how his fiction and nonfiction roles can co-exist". Quite so.

> am afraid most British journalists would by now be lying on the floor holding their sides with laughter. To be sure, their stock in trade is exposing mendacity among the powerful. But the definition of mendacity is always moot. Politicians are adept at concealment, distortion and halftruth in matters of government. The media is bad at uncovering such falsehood, so it finds proxies in a politician's private life. He may be a liar in his conduct of government, but in his private life he must be above reproach or the world will want to know. You may lie about public borrowing but not about dinner with your secretary.

But journalists? Mr Klein may be a bizarre mixture of talent and greed, but I cannot believe he is the more deceptive or partial columnist for lying about Primary Colors. Dr Johnson deceived his readers in his fabricated reporting of Parliament, and worried over it to his death.

tovernment of the day, entitled "London", he did so anonymously, lying to his publisher that it was by a penniless friend in need of cash. Only when it was praised by Pope did Johnson come clean.

The essence of anonymity is mild deception. Mr Klein's problem was not that he lied - his lie was white" and victimless - but that he lied to his colleagues, whose ; claimed profession is truth. Such deception has been known even in the best regulated professions. Many of the best stories in British newspapers begin with a modest lie. But a grand liar is well-advised . to orchestrate his own climbdown. He should know when to turn turtle and confess. Mr Klein did not, a case of poor judgment rather

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than mendacity.
What matters is that we can tell a white lie from a black one. The former was first defined in the Gentleman's Magazine of 1741: Ladies of the Highest Quality ... accept that some Lies are not intended to injure somebody in Fortune, Interest or Reputation, but only to gratify the Itch of amusing People by telling them Wonderful Stories." That is Primary Colors to a T. But Mr Klein has been rumbled. Honour is satisfied. The smug are smug, the rich are rich. I bet they all live happily ever after.

Oh Canada!

IF THE Princess of Wales is looking for friends, she could do worse than head for Canada. The Princess of Wales Own Regiment in Kingston, Canada, which has just heard of her decision to resign as its Colonel-in-Chief, is fighting to keep her cipher on its regimenta

The new colours feature four coronets with the initial D for



"Can we try on one of your medals for a minute?

approved by the Queen two years ago. They were to have been presented officially, with the Princess in attendance, this auturnn. Buckingham Palace is said

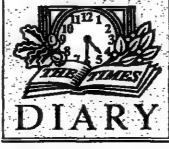
to want them changed.
"Following the Princess's resignation, we are in the strange situation of having to go to the Queen for re-approval of her approval of the colours two years ago," says Colonel Mike Shulz, the regiment's commanding officer.

We want to keep Diana's cipher on the flag but the Queen might say no and we would have to revert to the cipher of Alexandra, Princess of Wales when the regiment was formed in 1865."

The regiment plans to keep up its annual tradition of presenting the Princess of Wales with a bouquet of flowers on her birthday, July 1_"I still feel terrible over her decision," says Colonel Shulz Buckingham Palace refused to be drawn on its

• Michael Howard's decision to announce the referral of the Bridgewater Four's case to the Court of Appeal yesterday was seen by many as a clear attempt by the

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Home Secretary to steal attention from Lord Woolf and his Access to Justice report. Woolf has been preparing his 370-page report for two years, while Howard could have made his announcement any time. The two men are known to have little time for each other.

Khan't pay

LIKE the Queen, it appears that the former Pakistan cricket captain, Imran Khan, prefers not to carry money. Outside the High Court yesterday, where he was attending the tenth day of his libel battle with lan Botham, the hound-faced Khan spotted a Big Issue seller.

He and his pregnant wife. Jemima, took a copy of the magazine, then realised that neither of them had any money to pay the man. After much awkward pocket tapping they had to turn to one of their entourage for the £1.50, before finally the Khan caravan rolled on.

Barn howl

A SETBACK for the Prince of Wales's horsey friend, Camilla Parker Bowles, her father, Major Bruce Shand, a man with a military snap despite his advancing years, is so led up with planners that he has given up hope of moving into a conversion at her new home in Wiltshire.

Camilla had planned to convert a barn in the grounds of her £850,000



Regency mansion at Lacock into a five-bedroom billet for her 79-yearold papa. But the scheme was rejected by planners who said it had little or no architectural merit, contributing little to the country-

Major Shand was due to give evidence at an appeal next month but has abandoned the manoeuvre, saying: "At this rate I'll be under-ground before anything is resol-

• Ulster folk gathered in London on Thursday night to celebrate the tion Office, a London-based outfit dedicated to promoting the Orange cause. The office's new manager. Patricia Campbell, a Catholic, took her job only after failing to land one at the Unionist offices in Belfast - which she has now abandoned to sue the Unionists on grounds of religious discrimi-

Whoaah there

SAILS are flapping in Cowes at reports that the sultry actress Joanna Lumley is is planning to drop in to the festival by way of a cart and horse. She has purchased a yearling shire horse and keeps it at livery on the island, Named Madame Butterfly because her husband is a



Machel and Mandela: Presidential wedding?

conductor, the eventual plan is to employ the beast as her regular mode of transport on the island, which she visits regularly to see her

Lover man

JUST days after turning 78 President Mandela is showing he is still pretty sappy. During his state visit to France last week, three meetings were arranged between him and Graca Machel. 50. the woman many think will soon be the third Mrs Mandela.

Mrs Machel is not likely to con-

fuse her fish and steak knives. She is the widow of the late Mozambican President, Samora Machel. and a goodwill ambassador for the United Nations children fund.

The Paris meetings mark the first time the Mandela-Machel relationship has shuffled into the : public domain, as they appeared. together before a close circle of diplomats and aides. Mrs Machel returned to South Africa on Man-dela's presidential jet. The couple are known to dine regularly togeth-



CIVIL AND CIVILISED

The Woolf reforms deserve to be implemented wholesale

BURUNDI'S TORMENT

For once, a coup that could do more good than harm

When Lord Woolf, now Master of the Rolls, was instructed to consider the reform of civil justice nearly two years ago, his aim was to produce a system more in tune with modern needs. This was not simply a matter of removing anachronisms; he sought to change the whole culture of the civil courts so that they acted in the interests of the users rather than those of the lawyers. His brief was to make justice cheaper, faster and less fusty. Yesterday's final report. Access to Justice, is an admirable attempt to meet these goals.

For too long, the legal system has been designed to benefit its practitioners. A doctor would risk being disciplined for recommending a wholly unnecessary operation. But a solicitor has everything to gain and nothing to lose by involving clients in long drawn-out legal procedures when they could more easily and cheaply avoid the courts altogether. Until the new generation of senior lawyers, such as Lord Woolf and Lord Bingham, reached the top of the profession, its leaders were as vociferous as their juniors in rearting any attack on these vested interests. But a fresh breeze is now blowing through the law and it is much to be welcomed.

A survey commissioned by Lord Woolf to coincide with his report proved that the present system benefits lawyers more than clients. Most litigants with low-value claims ended up paying more in costs than they received in claims. Even in cases where the claims were between £12,500 and £25,000. average costs were from 40 per cent to 95 per cent of the claim.

The other unacceptable characteristic of the current situation is the unconscionable time that it takes to win justice. Personal injury and medical negligence cases are the worst: the survey found that they had a median time of 54 and 61 months respectively. Justice delayed is indeed justice

Thursday's coup in Burundi had all the

classic features. After seizing the television

station and closing down the airport, fron-

tiers and telecommunications, the new mili-

tary rulers have disbanded the Parliament.

banned political parties and imposed a

dawn-to-dusk curfew. It has been shrilly and

prodictably condemned by the United Na-

tions, the European Union and - although

they are now being more circumspect — the

Americans. The Organisation of African

Unity has gone one better, asserting that the

coup is "not on" and "will be met by military

force". All this tilling the sand and sowing in

the air, far from helping the wretched

As Belgium and France have had the

sense to recognise, this particular coup is not

quite as classic as it seems. By the time that

Pierre Buyoya, the retired Major who ruled

the country from 1987 to 1993, was reinstated

in power by the army, the Government of

Burundi had imploded. Mourning for the

Tutsi victims of a recent massacre, one

among many that have claimed both Hutu

and Tursi in a pattern of escalating horror,

had turned to hysteria. Pursued by stone-

throwing mobs Sylvestre Ntibantunganya.

the figurehead Hutu President, had pru-

dently fled to the American Ambassador's

residence; eight Hutu ministers had headed

for that of the German Ambassador. The

Tutsi Prime Minister, denounced by Hutu

rebels and Tutsi extremists alike, resigned.

population of six million, have met violent

deaths since independence in 1962. In a

country dominated by the Tutsi minority's

psychotic fears of extinction and the equally

strong Hutu psychosis concerning Tutsi

domination, nothing could be more dan-

gerous than a power vacuum. There is no

Half a million Burundians, out of a

Burundians, could deepen their suffering.

denied, particularly when the emotional strain of fighting for five years is added to the physical pain of the initial injury.

Lord Woolf's proposals should do much to ensure that justice becomes cheaper, quicker, simpler and more civilised. Most litigants will be directed first towards alternative dispute resolution, so that court action is used only as a last resort. Legal aid will be available for this, and all possible attempts will be made to encourage parties to settle without seeing the inside of a courtroom.

If cases do end up in court, there will be a fast track" for claims between £3,000 and £10,000 which will have a fixed timetable. normally no longer than 30 weeks. The court will set and monitor the timetable, and apply sanctions to parties that do not abide by it. This should deter rich defendants from putting pressure on less well-off litigants by delaying and adding to the litigant's costs. The normal hearing time will be just three hours.

Lord Woolf also proposes that costs, as far as possible, should be fixed and predictable, to prevent litigants being sucked into paying more than they had imagined at the outset. Rules will be simplified and documents made less technical. If either party behaves uncooperatively or unreasonably, the court

will have the power to take this into account. Access to Justice is a compendium of excellent ideas, which deserve to be implemented wholesale by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern. They will save money, not just from the legal aid budget but from litigants' pockets. They will broaden justice, by allowing more people to win redress without bankrupting themselves in the process. And they will humanise and modernise a system which has become far too remote from everyday life. Lord Woolf has shown the way. Lord Mackay should gladly follow.

point in outsiders mounting the constitu-

tional hobby-horse when the urgent imper-

Instead of talking about isolating him, the

world should count itself fortunate that it

has Mr Buyoya to deal with. The Tutsi-dom-

inated army could easily have championed

another retired officer and former dictator.

the Tutsi supremacist Jean-Baptiste Bagaza.

Mr Buyoya, a moderate Tutsi, is seen by

Hutus as a moderniser and conciliator.

Along with the imprisoned General Obasan-

jo of Nigeria, he is one of the tiny handful of

African soldiers to fight for democracy. In

1993, he handed over power peacefully to an

elected Hutu president. He has offered all-

party dialogue; and when he says that

democracy comes second to the prevention

of genocide, that is no more than the truth.

succeed in two almost impossible tasks. He

must - without being overthrown in the

attempt - restore discipline to the mainly

Tutsi army and paramilitaries, ending

arbitrary detentions and the reprisal massa-

cres against peasant communities caught

between the army and the equally ruthless

Hutu rebel militias operating from bases in

Zaire. He has no choice but to confront this

armed rebellion; it threatens the total

breakdown of civil order. But as he himself

says, the task of national reconciliation is

ultimately political. That means convincing

Tutsis that if they are ever to be safe, they

must genuinely share power with the Hutu

majority - as they did in the centuries be-

fore colonialism when Tutsis and Hutus

mingled in a cohesive society. Mr Buyoya

has some claim to represent that lost spirit of

tolerance. He should be given time, and

what help he asks, to attempt the near-

impossible mission of restoring it to life.

In order to restore civil peace, he must

ative is to fend off a bloodbath.

From Mr Timothy Concannon

Sir, Perhaps Mr William Oddie (report, July 25), as a relatively recent convert to the Roman Catholic faith, has not had time to acquire the pecu-liar relationship with the English Crown natural to English cradle

Difficult theological concepts such as the triume nature of God taught in infancy mean that there is no difficulty in isolating the Queen as Head of State (an institution we were brought up to respect) and the Queen as Head of the Church of England (which we

were not). English Catholics have proved their loyalty to the former many times over the last 450 years in spite of dungeon, fire and sword. If the far worse scandal of the shameful treatment of King George IV's Catholic wife Maria Fitzherbert did not shake Catholic loyalty 200 years ago, a difficult decision in a difficult situation by our current Queen is hardly likely to do so now. As someone far better qualified than I once said: "Render unto Caesar

what is Caesar's and unto God what is God's." .The Queen's urging the Prince and Princess of Wales to divorce (an act perfectly legal according to the laws of England and Wales, of which she is also the custodian) is surely a thing belonging to Caesar, and even if it is not a thing belonging to God I cannot see how that affects the loyalty of Her Majesty's Catholic subjects.

Yours faithfully, TIMOTHY CONCANNON, 29 North Lane, Buriton, Petersfield, Hampshire.

From Mrs M. Scott-Wood

Sir, As an Anglican and divorcee it may seem remarkable that I wholeheartedly endorse the comments reportedly made by William Oddie regarding marriage and the monarchy.
I was saddened and surprised by

Questions of loyalty and Catholic criticism of the Queen

the Queen's insistence on the divorce of her son and daughter-in-law, and extremely angry that the Archbishop of Canterbury condoned her actions.

Marriage is a sacrament and when a union founders, as the Prince and Princess of Wales's has done, surely the Church should offer support and counselling, not this damage limita-tion exercise that our Anglican leader has provided.

Yours faithfully, MURIEL SCOTT-WOOD, Stonebridge Cottage, Breadsell Lane, St Leonards, East Sussex, July 25.

From Mrs G. A. Dean

Sir. Most Catholics have not been "saying privately" what Mr Oddie is now saying publicly and what he is-saying is highly offensive to the ma-jority of Catholics in this country.

Yours, etc. UNA DEAN, 23 Bolnore Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex. July 22.

From Mrs S. Korek

Sir, It is not only Catholics who would agree wholeheartedly with what Mr Oddie has to say.

I am not a Catholic, nor do I go to church very often, but nevertheless I believe that today, marriage, family and the role of the mother are dangerously undervalued.

1 Pennington Street, London El 9KN Telephone 0171-782 5000

The prevailing laisser faire attitude of society to the breakdown of family units (whether the parents are married or not) is leaving in its wake an emotionally scarred generation. As a Youth Court magistrate I have witnessed countless examples of the dam-

age this is causing.

The Queen could and should have taken a clear and unequivocal stance on the Wales's divorce. By doing all in her power to maintain their marriage she could have sent a strong message to society that family values are worth defending — and never more so than when children are involved.

Yours faithfully, S. KOREK, Pottersheath. Nr Welwyn, Hernfordshire. July 25.

From Commander H. L. Foxworthy, RN (retd)

Sir, I see no reason whatsoever why L. as a Catholic, should not give 100 per cent loyalty to Her Majesty; I did so during 38 years of active service, and for five years since retiring.

She did, after all, sign my commis-

Yours faithfully, H. FOXWORTHY, Revverdig, Kirkbuddo, Forfar, Angus.

Privatisation threatens an already first-class Royal Mail

From Mr M. J. Emmett

Sir, I have spent over 35 years in private/public sector work, both as a clerical officer and as a factory operative, and until joining Royal Mail as a postal worker six years ago I had nev-er experienced strike action, nor contemplated it. I find Mr George Guise's reference to the action being taken by the Communication Workers Union as "a Neanderthal threat" (letter, July 24) both provocative, whilst negotiations are going on, and extremely of-

Royal Mail is being very intransigent in its unwillingness to concede to the unpopularity of changing our working practices. It is generally acknowledged that as a business we compare favourably with any other postal system in the world, and we are one of the cheapest in handling/distributing first-class items of mail.

Over the last ten-year period each postal worker has earned for Royal Mail/the Government approximately £30,000 per annum. Each receives

less than £10,000 per year basic. Everywhere I go on delivery there are verbal messages of support from a public appreciative of our labours six days per week, 52 weeks per year come rain, heat, snow, etc.

There is not one postal worker who wants to resort to industrial action. It is up to Royal Mail to drop team

working, which has failed in the US, and allow us to get on with the job we have been trained and are dedicated to do.

Yours faithfully, M. J. EMMETT. 21 Chaucer Road. Sittingbourne, Kent. July 24.

From Mr Hugh Dykes, MP for Harrow East (Conservative)

Sir, George Guise's comments on Post Office privatisation reflect the fanaticism of some of the ideologues in the Thatcher policy unit of the Eighties.

private operators it would not be lone before the universal delivery service of what is just about the best postal service in the Western world - would quickly deteriorate into a hugely expensive delivery service, often run by shaky local companies prone to overcharge, particularly in rural areas.

The Post Office is a very successful and profitable public corporation, the ownership of which is firmly secondary to its efficiency and scope. When a group of Conservative MPs

organised the resistance to the privatisation two years ago, we were also aware that in this country, having done more successful privatisations than any other, there was no need to persist with further such transactions,

when a loss-making, inefficient entity was not involved.

Meanwhile, any well-run postal service is bound to be a "people" business with heavy manning inputs; pos-tal workers are as entitled as company directors to be concerned to safeguard legitimate working methods, if they are successful. Anyway, that is a matter for negotiations between managers and operatives.

Yours faithfully, HUGH DYKES, House of Commons.

From Sir Thomas Bazley

Sir, Mr Guise reveals a narrowly monetary concept of efficiency. In a public service efficiency means serving the public plus making a profit, which the Royal Mail has done.

Thatcherite theorists seem unable to recognise the meaning of public service except as it applies to the Armed Services. Why not see which units can save money by reducing their costs most efficiently? But that could reduce the quality of their service. Quality is not a Thatcherite concept.

Yours faithfully, THOMAS BAZLEY. Eastleach Downs Farm, Eastleach Turville, Cirencester, Gloucestershire.

July 24.

John Boon, CBE

From the Chief Executive of

lishing community at wanting to express my great distress that, in your news report (July 16) of the death at the age of 79 of the late (and much lamented) John Boon, you should have described him as "one of the ... most disrespected names in British

ny of a publisher who was actually deeply respected and held in the great-

are publishers of books of great appeal to a large and emphatically de-cent proportion of the population, he was also the elected President of this Association and of the International Publishers Association (in the latter

lishers Advisory Council, and much

respect, I don't know what does.

CLIVE BRADLEY. Chief Executive, The Publishers Association. 19 Bedford Square, WC1. July 25.

Cot-death warning

From Mrs C. Sara Wilkes

Sir, Your front page headline, "Smoking parents are blamed for two-thirds of cot deaths" (July 25), was a most insensitive accusation to level at those already guilt-ridden parents of cot-

Yours faithfully, C. SARA WILKES. 67 Chartfield Avenue, SW15. July 25.

From Mr Tony Maskell

Sir, Your headline today, "Baldry hits back at quota-hoppers", concerns just one iniquity suffered by British fishing grounds (some of which we should be farming by now) since we joined the Common Market.

Tony Baldry said he was "seeking the legal right to insist" that foreign vessels pirating British national quo-tas should land a minimum proportion" of their fish in Britain. This they do anyway because trucking it home is often much quicker than taking it

If that is Mr Baldry's position be-

fore negotiations begin, what kind of compromise can we expect to end up with? Alterations to common fisheries policy (CFP) regulations require a majority vote from all member states, including Luxembourg, Austria and for-seeably Hungary, the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

The CFP is bureaucracy gone mad and needs to be scrapped, allowing every fishing nation to regulate its own waters in the same way as applies to off-shore oil.

Yours sincerely, TONY MASKELL 3 Newton Close, Newton Ferrers, Devon.

'Murder One'

From Mr Michael Covle

Sir, You have featured the dissatisfaction and annoyance that I, in common with many other viewers, expressed to the BBC (report, July 18) for its cavalier cancellation of the last three episodes of Murder One.

The word planning obviously does not apply to those who schedule a 23week serial knowing it will be dropped just three weeks from its conclusion for an event whose timing has been known for years.

The corporation has now compounded its ineptitude with arrogance and petulance. BSkyB had planned to show the final episodes from last night but backed down after the BBC threatened legal action to stop the transmission. Rather than admit its mistake, the BBC has kept its ball so that no one can play with it.

I feel powerless to demonstrate my annoyance at the BBC. It enjoys a monopoly that appears to be beyond normal protest.

I cannot withhold my licence fee as I will then not be allowed to watch any television at all. What can I do?

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL COYLE, 18 Broadfields Avenue, N21.

Victorian travellers

From Mr Redmond O'Hanlon

Sir, In his elegant review of Peter Raby's Bright Paradise, Victorian Scientific Travellers (Books, July 11) Asa Briggs tells us that Richard Spruce, "a humble man", "published no account of his journeys, although he wrote a treatise on The Hepaticae of the Amazon and the Andes which dealt with 700 species of wildflower, 400 of which he had named himself*

Yes, and this is strictly accurate; but Alfred Russel Wallace (whose work Professor Briggs also butterflies across) edited Spruce's Notes of a Botanist on the Amazon and Andes (two vols, 1908; reprinted, Johnson Reprint

Corporation, New York and London, 1970), a full account of Spruce's jour-

It's a great work, full of learning and adventure, burningly alive, a dassic. I wouldn't want any of your interested readers to miss it

Yours in a passing rage, REDMOND O'HANLON, Pelican House, Church Hanborough. Witney, Oxfordshire. July 12.

Letters for publication should carry contact telephone numbers. We regret that we cannot accept letters by telephone but they may be sent by fax to 0171-782 5046.

Allowing Lolitas their childhood

From the Reverend Ian Hamilton

Sir, Jane Gordon has written with obvious parental concern in calling the fashion industry to account for the erosion of her daughter's childhood (article, Body and Mind, July 23). She is in no doubt that "the grasping hands of the fashion industry" are most to blame for the promotion of clothing that makes "little girls look

like Lolitas I have great sympathy with her. It is sad beyond words to see little girls wearing clothing that is calculated to excite sexual passions. But while I believe that the manifest amorality of the fashion world bears some responsibility for the erosion of childhood, does not the greater blame lie with parents for allowing their children to become prey to the whims, not only of the fashion industry, but also of the "entertainment" that dominates our tele-

Surely parents have the primary responsibility to guard their children from images and values that corrupt and cheapen human life. This will mean at times risking the wrath of our children as we explain why certain clothing and certain television programmes are unsuitable.

For parents who care for the wellbeing of their children, and for Christian parents who care for the eternal wellbeing of their children, it will be recognised that their nurture and protection are first and foremost in our

Yours sincerely, IAN HAMILTON, Loudoun Manse, 116A Loudoun Road, Newmilns, Ayrshire.

From Mr Peter Mullen

Sir, Worthily you disapprove of the fashion industry which is "making our little girls look like Lolitas". And then you illustrate your disap-

proval with ... a photograph of a model looking like Lolita. Yours faithfully, PETER MULLEN, 16 Whin Road, York.

In for a penny

From Mr David W. Thornson

Sir, I recently returned from a holiday in your beautiful city of London. Upon room and was told by the young lady in charge there would be a charge of El. I asked if she was kidding, and she said, "No", unless I had eaten at Harrods. Although I had a freshly used toothpick in my pocket, pride and re-bellion prevailed, so I told her I would just wait until I got back to the States.

On my way to the sporting goods department, I passed through a large foyer which displayed a number of Master Charge card emblems, with Harrods's name under them. Beneath the sign was seated a man, who appeared to be signing his name, and a long line of people waiting their turn.
I asked a clerk: "Are all of those peo-

ple waiting for credit cards?" She said, No, they were waiting for his autograph." Upon inquiring as to who he was, I was told that he was Bobby Charlton. Britain's most famous football player. I asked if he was charging for his autograph, and she replied, "Oh. No!" To which I responded, "You Brits have got it all backwards. In the States the restrooms are free and the athletes charge for their autograph." Nevertheless, thank God for Britain

and carry on. Very truly yours, DAVID W. THORNTON, 686 Poplar Street, PO Box T, Macon, Georgia, 31202.

All in the family

From Mr Patrick Dudgeon

Sir. I was interested to see in your obituary of Christopher Casson (July 12) that he had "enjoyed playing the part of Uncle Vanya" in an Irish production of The Cherry Orchard. Still, with all those characters milling about on the stage, I don't suppose the cast noticed an extra relative.

Yours faithfully. PATRICK DUDGEON, Les Aiguières N. Rue de la Tourrache, Fréjus, 83600.

Have no fear From Father John Davies

Sir, Roger Cookson's dentist (letters July 23, 25) should leave his Bible open at Psalm lxxxi. 10: "Open thy mouth wide and I will fill it".

Yours faithfully, JOHN DAVIES, Saint Katharine's Vicarage, I Sandhurst Road, Milford Haven, Pembrokeshire. July 25.

From Mr Peter A. Lendrum

Sir, Some years ago I attended a dental surgeon in Sloane Street. His chair faced the window and beautifully engraved on one panel were the words. "Change and decay in all around I see". Another patient was Laurence Whistler.

Yours faithfully. PETER LENDRUM, 37 Greycoat Gardens. Greycoat Street, SW1.

SCRAMBLED EIGG Life on an island is not for fantasists or the faint-hearted The Hebridean Isle of Eigg is up for sale -

again. Only 15 months after Eigg was last sold to the surrealist German artist Marlin Eckhard (brushname "Maruma"), Eigg is back on the market. So once again the exotic Austrian "island-dealer" Farhad Vladi has been summoned to organise the sale of "one of nature's masterpieces". Once again the 54 islanders are up in arms to throw off their supposed "feudal" and alien yokes. And yet again the classic Compton Mackenzie comedy of a tiny Hebridean community taking on the outside world, and outwitting it by a combination of native guile and insular charm, is due for welcome revival.

The cast has its stock characters. Deadly earnest nationalists and conservationist bureaucrats bore for Britain about heritage. habitat and the human rights of islanders to own their own island. The inhabitants are launching an appeal for the £2 million needed to buy the island, with a canny eye on lottery loot. And history casts its romantic purple shadows. Since 1308 the private owners of Eigg have included such unlikely lairds as Sir Steven Runciman, master historian of Constantinople and the crusades, the extrovert bobsleigher Keith Schellenberg and, however improbable this sounce a former Times journalist. But Eigg is not just a small island. It is

also a country of the mind, like Atlantis.

Utopia, Brigadoon and the mythical island

played by Barra in Whisky Galore, renamed

Tight Little Island for American screens. No

man is an island. But every man dreams of

living on one, and perhaps owning one. Marry an island woman, and you marry the whole island. Own an island, and you can pretend to be master of a microcosm.

Even unromantic Samuel Johnson fell for the romance of island-owning. On his tour of the Hebrides, the MacLeod of MacLeod offered him the pretty island of Isay in the Loch of Dunvegan, on condition that he lived there for at least one month a year. Dr Johnson was so delighted with this insular fantasy that he spoke of little else but his island, the house he would build there, how he would fortify it, what he would plant, and how he would sally out and take the Isle of Muck. He wrote of his Hebridean fantasy that he had tasted lotus, and was in danger of forgetting that he was ever to depart "till Mr Boswell sagely reproached me with with

my sluggishness and softness". It is neither soft nor sluggish to live on an island, but hard. For life on Eigg is not all deep white beaches and rugged Hebridean scenery. In February the Scotch Mist blows a gale all day and night, and day does not dawn until 10, only to fall like a shutter five hours later. Living is more expensive, and the young emigrate to Glasgow in search of jobs and real life. Eigg, and Muck and Rum are islands in the real world as well as in the universal desert island daydream. To own an island is the archetypal escapist fantasy. But in this harsh world we are all only tenants on a short lease. The inhabitants of Eigg simply live in one of its more beautiful but more uncomfortable mansions.

the Publishers Association Sir, I know I am not alone in the pub-

publishing". Your own obituary, printed in the same issue, gives the lie to this calum-

est affection by all his colleagues. Not only was John the highly suc-cessful leader of Mills & Boon, who

case being uniquely invited to become an Honorary Life Member). He was also long-time President of the Book Trade Benevolent Society and the Society of Bookmen, a member of the Board of Book Tokens. Chairman of the British Council Pub-

more. If such a record of dedicated service and lifelong interest does not earn our

Fishing quotas



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE July 26: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh arrived at Milton Keynes Station this morning and were received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire (Commander the Lord Cottesloe RN) and the Mayor of Milton Keynes (Councillor David

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness drove to the Business School, University of Buckingham. and were received by the Chan-cellor (the Baroness Thatcher LG) and the Rt Hon Sir Richard Luce (Vice-Chancellor).

The Queen opened the new Business School and alterwards, with The Duke of Edinburgh. toured the building, meeting stu-dents undertaking various activities.

Her Majesty, accompanied by His Royal Highness, having been received in Hunter Street by the Mayor of Buckingham (Mr Derrick Isham), met guests of the University at a Reception before attending a Luncheon given by the Vice-Chancellor at his residence. BUCKINGHAM PALACE July 26: The Prince Edward, Chairman of the Trustees' Work-

ing Committee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Foundation, this morning held a meeting at Buckingham Palace. ST JAMES'S PALACE

July 26: The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Trust, this evening attended a Gala Dinner at the Celtic Manor Golf and Country Club, Newport, in aid of The Prince's Trust - Bro.

Today's royal engagement

The Duke of Gloucester will present new colours to the 1st Buttalion The King's Own Souttish Borderers at Dreghorn Barracks, Edinburgh, at 11.00.

Service dinners

RN College Greenwich Commodore A.L. Chilton, Commandant of the Royal Naval College Greenwich, presided at the annual dinner of the Three Services' Staff Colleges held last night at Greenwich. Field Marshal Sir Richard Vincent was the principal

Army Benevolent Fund, Bristol The Lord-Lieutenant of Bristol and Mrs J.N. Tidmarsh were present at a dinner of the Army Benev Fund, Bristol, held last night at the Council House after Beating Retreat by the Band of the Royal Corps of Signals. Colonel Sir John Wills, county president, presided. Lady Wills, Colonel and Mrs D.W. Williams, Colonel and Mrs H.E.D. Griffiths, Colonel and Mrs J.B. Bryant and Colonel and Mrs B.T. John were among the guests.

Counties of Glamorgan ACF Colonel David Cox, Honorary Colonel of the Counties of Glamot gan Army Cadet Force, presided at the annual dinner held last night at Napier Training Camp, Shorncliffe, Kent. Colonel P. Gooderson and Brigadier W. Makareth, Wales TA&VRA, were also present

Leicestershire and Northamotoushire ACF

The Lord-Lieutenant of Leicest shire and the Lord-Lieutenant of Northamptonshire attended a dinner given by the Officers Mess of Leicestershire and Northamptonshire Army Cadet Force last night at Crowborough, East summer camp. Lieutenant-General Sir David Scott-Barrett was the principal guest and Colonel I. Keers was the host.

Anniversaries TODAY

BIRTHS: Charlotte Corday, assassin of Jean-Paul Marat, St Saturnin, France, 1768; Alexandre Dumas fils, dramatist, Paris, 1824; Enrique Granados, composer, Lé-rida, Spain. 1868; Hilaire Belloc, writer, La Celle, St Cloud, France.

DEATHS: Henri de la Tour d'Auvergne, Vicornie de Turenne, Marshal of France, Sassbach, 1675: lohn Dalton, chemist, Manchester, 1844; Gertrude Stein, writer, Paris, 1946; Richard Aldington, novelist and biog-rapher, Maison Salle, France, 1962: Antonio de Oliveira Sal Prime Minister of Portugal 1932-68, Lisbon, 1970; Mohammed Reza Pahlavi. Shah of Iran 1941-79, Cairo, 1980: James Mason, film actor. Switzerland, 1984; Sir

The Bank of England was granted a charter by an Act of Parliament

Insulin was isolated at Toronto University by Sir Frederick Ban-ting and Charles Best, 1921. The Korean armistice was signed in Panmunjom, ending three years of war, 1953.

TOMORROW BIRTHS: Gerard Manley Hop-kins, poet, London, IS44: Beatrix Potter, children's writer, London, 1866: Rudy Vallee, singer. Ver

mont. 1901.

DEATHS: Thomas Cromwell Earl of Essex, statesman, executed London, 1540; Savinien Cyrano de Bergerac, dramatist, Paris, 1655; Antonio Vivaldi, composer, Vienna. 1741; Johann Sebastiar Bach, composer, Leipzig, 1750; Maximilien de Robespierre, French Revolution leader, exe-cuted, Paris, 1794; John Walter II. chief proprietor of The Times 1812-47. London, 1847; Vic Feather, Baron Feather, trades union lead-

1858.

Postcodes were introduced into

Weekend birthdays

TODAY: Mr Philippe Alliot, racing driver, 42: Mr Michael Ball, singer, 34; Mr Allan Border, cricketer, 41; Lord Cawley, 83; Mr Peter Coker, artist, 70; Mr Christopher Dean, ice skater, 38; Sir Ronald Dearing. former chairman, Post Office Corporation, 66; Miss Jo Durie, tennis player, 36; Dame Mary Green, former Head Mistress, Kidbrooke School, 83; Mr Jack Higgins, novelist, 67; Lord Jenkins of Putney, 88; Professor J.O'D. McGee, pathologist, 57: Sir James Munn, former chairman, Training Commission, 76: Mr David Potter, group chief executive. Guinness Mahon Holdings, 52: Sir Denis Rickett, civil servant, 89: Baroness

Williams of Crosby. 66. TOMORROW: Mr Graham Able, Master Designate. Dulwich College, 49; Dr Baruch Blumberg, former Master, Balliol College, Oxford, 71; Professor B.L. Clarkson, former Principal, University College of Swansea, 66; Professor Sir Frederick Crawford, Vice-Chancellor, Aston University, 65: Professor R.C. Curran, pethologist, 75; Sir

GLC, 84; Sir Kenneth Durham, former chairman, Unilever, 72; Mr Ian Grant, chairman, Scottish Tourist Board, 53: Sir Peter Green, former chairman, Lloyd's, 72; Mr R.B. Henderson, former chairman, Ulster Television, 67; Mr Keith Hill, MP, 53; Sir Maurice Holmes, former chairman, London Transport Board, 85; Sir Gerald Hosker, former HM Proc-urator General, Treasury Solicitor and Queen's Proctor, 63; Air Chief Marshal Sir Richard Johns, 57: Mr R.B. Johnson, former Chief Con-Johnson, MP. 64; Sir Russell Johnston, MP. 64; Mr lan McCaskill, meteorologist, St. Dame Rosemary Murray, former Vice-Chancellor, Cambridge University, 83; Mr Riccardo Muti. conductor, 55; Sir David Naish, president, National Farmers' Union, 56; Viscount Scarsdale, 72; Sir Stanley Simmons, obstetrician and gynaecologist, 69; Miss Pru-nella Stack, president, Women's League for Health and Beauty, 82; Mr Kenneth Stewart, MEP. 71; Mr Murray Stuart, chairman, Scottish Power, 63; Mr Phil Walker, Editor.

Helicopter flies in flagstones to patch up Pennine Way

Repairs ready for summer invasion of walkers

BY KATE ALDERSON

A VITAL project to restore one of the worst-worn stretch-es of the Pennine Way using flagstones flown in by heliconter has been completed in time for the summer influx of

A team of 16 volunteers in Northumberland took five years to lay six miles of flagstones on eroded sections of the 289-mile Pennine Way. Heavy stones, some weighing almost one quarter of ton, were flown in from former textīle mills in Yorkshire.

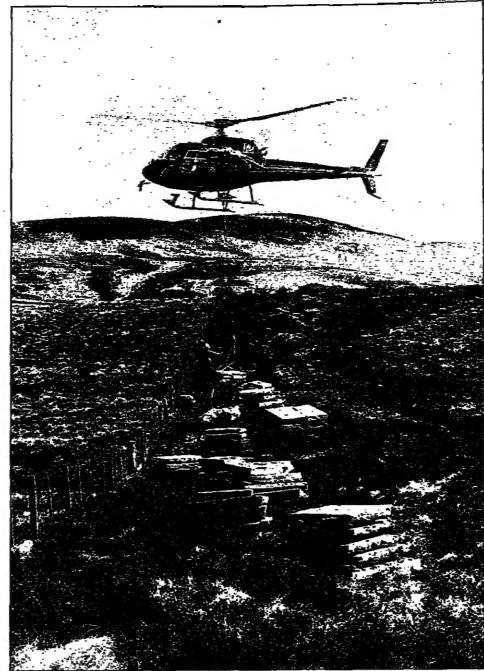
The conservation team of Northumberland National Park Voluntary Wardens worked through harsh weather to ensure that the vulnerable pathway would be preserved into the 21st

The Pennine Way, a tough and wild walk along the backbone of England, runs from Edale in the Peak District to Kirk Yetholm in the Scottish Borders. It was the first official long-distance footpath to be created in Britain and was opened after a 30-year campaign by Tom Stephenson, former secretary of the Ramblers' Association Yesterday the Countryside Commission, which oversees the management of the route, gave awards to the volunteers

mitted work. Reg Alexander, 77, the old-est of the volunteers, said the work had been rewarding: "I do a lot of walking and get great enjoyment from the countryside."

in recognition of their com-

Tony Philpin, director of the Pennine Way, praised the work of the volunteers who have had to climb up and down hills to get to the route: The section of the route on Cheviot is one of the two worst eroded sections on the path along with the Peak



A helicopter hovers over the Pennine Way with a load of flagstones are expected to last for 100

District National Park in Derbyshire.

For two weeks every year the volunteers have 'blitzed' the worst affected parts. In just a fortnight they can lay up to a mile of flagstones. They work faster than some of the so-called professionals." The newly-laid flagstones

years. The Pennine Way is completed by 10,000 walkers every year, while tens of nds more tackle parts Stephenson's vision of a

"long, green trail", winding the moors, fells and vaileys, has proved extremely popular with walkers; so much so that the damage they caused, aggravated by nature. led to a big repair project.

Most of the work on the northern section has been completed but the route running through the Derbyshire Peak District will take another three years.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C. Cameron and Miss N. McNamara The engagement is announced between Charles, elder son of Dr and Mrs Peter Cameron, of Spourwells House, Scone, Perthshire, and Nicola, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael McNamara, of Liklin, Malta

Mr MJ. Catterall and Miss J.E. Delroy The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Dr and Mrs Michael Catterall, of Little Baddow, Essex, and Justine, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Burion Delroy, of Bolton,

Mr M.G. Flawn-Thomas and the Hon Clare Lowther
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Flawn-Thomas, of Pilido Uckfield, Sussex, and Clare, daughter of Viscount and Viscountess Ullswater, of Docking, King's Lynn, Norfolk Mr M.R.E. Hall and

Miss F.M. Stewart Sandeman The engagement is announced between Matthew Richard Eversden, son of Mr and Mrs Richard Hall, of Wedmore. Somerset, and Flona Mairi, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Stewart Sandeman, of Brechin. Angus.

Mr P.S. Kirkby and Miss N.K. Joseph The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs William Kirkby, of Barnes, London, and Nicolene, younger daughter of Mr Richard Joseph, of Spain, and Mrs Sue Manston, of St John's Wood, London.

Mr RAM. Moir and Miss J.L. Smith The engagement is announced between Richard, youngest son of Mr and Mrs A.H.M. Moir, of Great Missenden. Buckingham Mr and Mrs J.B. Smith, of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire. Mr R. Stainer

and Miss J.L. Smith The engagement is announced between Robin, second son of the late Mr and Mrs P. Stainer, of Follostone, and Jeanne, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs D.L. Smith, of Chicago.

and Miss T.K. McGarrigle The engagement is announced between Robert, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Graham Curder, of Adjorton. Shropshire, and Tessa Katherine, younger daughter of Mr C.S. McGarrigle, of Kirklington. Nottinghamshire, and Mrs R.H. Mann, and step-daughter of Commander R.H. Mann, RN, retd. of Wandsworth, London.

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Mr M.C.J. Phillips and Miss I. Schuller

The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of Mrs Madeleine Phillips, of Welwyn, Hertfordshire, and the lafe Major Peter Phillips, MC, and Ildiko, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ervin Schuller, of Reading, Berkshire, and Karad, Hungary.

Marriages

Mr P.G. Pinnock and Miss P.A.P. Grosvenor The marriage took place yeste in the Grosvenor Chapel, WI, of Mr Peter Pinnock, son of Mr and Mrs Roger Pinnock, of Milton: Malsor, Northamptonshire to Miss Petra Grosvenor, daughter of the Hon William and Mrs Grosve nor, of Potsgrove, Bedfordshire. The Rev Simon Hobbs officiated:

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Tryce Vane Pery, Letisha Grosvenor and Was Grace Vane Percy. Mr Edward Fowler was best man.

A reception was held at the Four

Seasons Hotel and the honeymoonwill be spent abroad.

Mr A.F.B. Crawshaw and Caroline, Lady Newman The marriage took place quietly in London on Wednesday, July 17, 1996, between Mr Andrew Crawshaw and Caroline, Lady

Mr A.V.R. Wood and Ms K.B. Holm The marriage took place on Sat-urday, June 22. in Svartskog Kirke, Oppegård, Norway, berween Mr Arthur Wood, son of the late Mr Arthur Wood and of Mrs Kathlyn W. Wood, to Ms Kari Holm, daughter of Mr Olav Holm and Dr Mildrid Holm.

University news

Dr Avril Sokolov, Reader in Russiani at Durham University, has become a Fellow of the British Academy, and Professor Tony Unsworth, Professor of Engineering and Director of the Centre for Biomedical Engineering, has been elected a Fellow of the

Royal Academy of Engineering

Sir Ian MacLaurin, Choirman of Tesco, will succeed Shr Brian Corby, former Chairman of Prudential Corporation, as Chancellor of Hertfordshire University. Sir Brian relinquishes the chancellorship in September, after three years.

Church services tomorrow

Eighth Sunday after Trinity
ABERDEEN CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10.15 5
Fuch, Merbecke, The Provost; 6.30 EP.
BANGOR CATHEDRAL: 8 Holy Euch: 9.45
Cymun Bendigaid, Emynau; 11 HC, Matrical
Gloria (Camberwell), Sanctus & Benedictus
(Merbecke); 5 Gosdber.

BELFAST CATHEDRAL: 10 HC: 11 S Euch. O nata lux (Tallis). Daries in E. Expecians expectavi (Wood); 3.30 Choral E. Call to remembrance (Farrant). Walmisley in D REPORTERING TRAILS, DATE IN E. Expectant representation of the control of the con

Paul's Service (Howels), Paire is the heaven (Harris).

COVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 7.40 MP: 8

COMMUNION: 10.30 Euch, Mass in G minor (Williams), God be in my head (Radcilife), O sacrum convivium (Vann), Rev B Balsier; 3

German Lutherans: 3 Polish Lutherans: 3.30

E. Vaun in C. Laudate Dominium (Mozart).

DURHAMM CATHEDRAL: 8 HC, Canon S Pedley; 10 M, Stanford in B list, View me Lord (Lloyd), Canon S Pedley: 11.15 HC, Darke in F, Ave verum corpus (Byrd), Rev M Parker; 3.30

E. Collegium Regale (Howells), And I saw a new heaven.

ELY CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC. The Dean: 10.305

Buth, Missa Fostiva (Peeters), Inbilate in C (Britten), Open thy gates (Harrison), Rev J

inge: 3.45 E. Collegium Régale (Howells), Les all the world (Lelofton). all the world (Legation).

EXETER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 S Euch,
Locis (see Bruckber), Harwood in A flat, O
Saltaria Hostia (Elgar), The Sub-Dean; 11.15
M. Britten In C, O sing joyfully (Batten), The
Priest V(Car; 3 E, Dyson in D, I saw the Lord
Stainer): 6.30 E, Chants 94 & 87. Insanae at
vanae curae (Haydo), The Treasurer. GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL: 8,12,15 HC: (Stanford).

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC, Canon C
Manchester, 9.45 S Euch, Sumston in F, Locus
iste (Bruckner), Rev Prof D Martin; 11.15 M,
Stanford in B B Bai. Beail quonum via
(Stanford), Miss E Mellor; 6.30 E, Murdill in E,
Like as the hart (Howells), Rev R Steele
Perkins; 4 Mocran in D, Te laudamus
(Dering)

(Deting)
LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M: 10.30
Euch, Merbecke, Be still for the presence of
the Lord (Evans arr. How), Canon M Philips; 4
Choral E, Let thy merciful ears (Weeles),
Dyson in F, Te Deum in C (Stamford), The
Provost

Dyson in F, 1e Debm in C gramoro, the Provost.

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Stanford in B flat, O sacrum convivium (Near), Dear Lord of three things (Daley), Preb J Harroys, 3.30 E, St. Paul's Service (Flowells), For lo I raise up that bitmer nation Stanfood, LiNCOLIN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L; 8, 12.30 HC; 9.30 S Euch, Sunsion in F, If ye fore the (Taills), The Dean; 11.15 M. Ireland in F, Cantaite Domino (Pitonit, 1.15 Baptism; 3.45 E, Sumsion in A, The heavens are telling (Haydn), Canno in George-Jones.

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL: 8 MP & HC; 10.30 Euch, The Bishop of Warrington; 3 Choral E, Canon M Wolfe; 4 HC.

LIANDARF CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M & Liberge Canon M Wolfe, 4 HC.

LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M & Litany:
\$1,2.15 Holy Euch. The Dean: 9 Parish Euch.
The Dean: 11 S Euch. Missa Brevis in F.
(Haydin, Rise heart thy Lord is risen (Waughan
Williams), The Canon: 3.30 Choral E. Dyson
in D. O how glorious is the kingtom
(Harwood): 6.30 E & Sermon, Rev N Court.

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8.45 MP; 9 HC;
10.30 HC, Canon F Denby; 6.30 EP.

10.30 HC, Canon F Denby, 6.30 EP.
NEWPORT CATHEDRAL: 8 Hoty Euch; 10.30
M, Te Deum in A Grayl, Lord let me know
mine end (Greene): 6.30 E Euch. Harris in F.
Biess O Lord us thy servants (M How).
NORWICH CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP. 8 HC.
10.30 S Euch, Mass in G (Schubert), the
Archdeacon; 3.30 E. Dyson in D. O clap your
bands (Globons); 6.30 Evening. The
Archdeacon.

hands (GIDDOIDS; 0.30 EVENING
Archdearon.
PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL: 9.30 M.
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PESIIVAI TO DEUR (Britten); 10.30 Euch, Daste in F. Tantum ergo
(Durufile), The Dean: 3.30 E. Stanford in C.
Biersed City (Bairstow).
RIPON CATHEDRAL: 8 Euch, The Dean; 9.30
Parish Euch, sung to Byrd for Pour Voices,
Rejoice in the Lord alway (Anon), The Dean;
11.30 M. Te Deum (Vaughan Williams in G).
Christus factus est (Bruckner): 12.30 Euch, 3
Holy Baptism; 6.30 E. Sumston in G. Beatl
quorum via (Stanford), Rev D Paton-Williams.

ROCHESTER CATHEORAL: 8 HC; 9.45 M. Te Deum (Brinen in El, Jubiliate (Brinen in Cl, The eyes of all walt upon the O Lord (Harris): 10.30 S Euch, Kelly in C. Tantum ero sacramentum (Sumsion), Canon D Smith; 3.15 E. Kelly in C, Hear my words ye people

Precentify, 3.15 E.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 Euch, Rev H

Cunliffie: 11 Choral Euch, Missa Ellensis

(Wills), Ascendit Deus (Phillips), Drop drop

slow tears (Leighton), Rev D Painter; 3 Choral

E. Kelly in C. O'Londe the maker of alle fibringe

[Joubert), Greater love (Ireland), Rsv R Royle.

Stow Years (Leighton). Rev D Painters 3 Choral E. Kelly in C. O Lorde the maker of alle thinge Doubert), Greater love (tretand), Rev R Royle. TRURO CATHEDRAL: 8 HC. 9 M; 10 S Euch, Messe Basse (Rauré), Missa de Angelis (Gloria), I am the Bread of Life (Loie). The Bishop of St Germans; 6 E. St David's Service (Loie), Ave Maria (Fauré), The Curare. WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC. 9.45 S Euch, Mass for four volces (Byrd). If ye love me (Tailis), Rev P de N Lucas; 11.30 M, Stanford in B flat, Let all the world (Vauphan Williams); 3 E. Stanford in A. Zadok the Priest (Riandel), Right Rev J Lewis. WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC. 10 M. Stanford in C. Jubliare (Wallon), O sing joyfully (Batten). Canon C Semper: 11.15 Euch, Messa Solenneile (Vierne), O nata hux (Tailis), Ave verum corpus (Mozard, Canon D Hutt; 3 E. Chichester Service (Wallon), My beloved spake (Hadley), Rev M Mecch: 5.45 Organ; 6.30 E. Canon A Haivey. WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 10.30 Solemn Mass. Missa sine nomine (Grand). Conflicebor tibl. Domine (Lassus), Christum regem adoremus (Casall), Toccata (Duruffe); 3.30 Solemn V & B. Magnificat octavi tone (Ling), Laudate Dominium (Tailis), Fintandia (Sibelius): 4.30 Organ Rectin). A Reid. WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10.30 M, Te Deum in B flat (Stanford). Rejoice in the Lord alway (Anon), Ven G Roblin: 11.30 Euch, Stanford in C & F. Ave verum corpus (Byrd); 3.30 E. Stanford in C. God is gone up (Finzi), Rev P Morgan.

VORK MINSTER: 8, 8.45 HC: 10 S Euch, Collegium Regale (Howells), Ave verum (plyrd). Very Rev M Mayne: 11.30 M, Stanford in C. 4 E, Brewer in D. Though I speak with the tongues (Baltstow). Rev E Norman.

ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP; 8 HC. 11 Choral Euch, Willishire Service (Shephard). O for a closer walk with God (Stanford). The Minor Canon: 3.30 Choral E, Aston in R, Co forth into the world in peace (Euter). ST DAVIDS CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP; 8 HC. 9.30 Cymun Bendigald. Y Deor; 9.30 Family. The Succentur; 11.15 Choral Euch, Just as 1 am (Deionig). Missa: Orbis Faning us to Irrd God (Harris), The Minor Canon: 3.30 Choral

ALI SAINTS, Margaret Street, WI: 8,5-15 LM: 10.20 MP; 11 HM, Mass in G minor Gongeni, Rev F Johnstone; 6 Wood in E flut (No 2), The Vicar. ALL SOULS, Langham Place. Wi: 9 Communion: 11 Preb R Bewes; 6.30 Rev D

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11
Missa quinti toni (Lassus), Nolo mortem
peccanors (Morley), O sacrum convivium
[Palestrina). CHEISEA OLD CHURCH, SWI: 8, 12.15 HC: 10 Children: 11 M, Rev Dr P Stry: Thy word Is a lantern (Purceill; 6 E. Sing unto the Lord (Tye), Rev R White. CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15 Rev Dr K Ross; 6.30 Mr C Swan.

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FARM STREET, WI: 8, 9.30, 12.30, 4.15, 6.15
LM: 11 Solemn Mass, Mass in D iDvoraid,
Exaltate Deo (Falestrian)
HOLY TRINITY SROMPTON, Brompton
Road, 5W7: 9 ASB HC, Rev S Downham: 11
Family, Mr J Jennings; 5,7.30 Informal, Rev N
Gumbel. Gumbel.

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7.8, 9.
10, 11 Mass. Caniate Mass (Sheppard), larring dictars was (Russlin, Jubilate Deo (Gabriel) 12.30, 4.30, 7 Mass. 3.30 V & B., Tu solus qui facus Gracquin). solus qui facus (Iosquin). ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH: Iverna Gdns. W& II Holy Mass Archbishop Y Gizirian. WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: Rev F R

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist). SWI: 11, 630, Rev Dr P Graves. WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist).
SWI: 11, 6.30, Rev Dr P Greves.
ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran).
Gresham St, EC2: 11 Choral HC, Rev R Patital,
Dean: ? Bach Jass Vespers, Brian Fisher.
ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT.
Smithheid, EC1: 9 HC: 11 M. Collegtum
Regale (Howells), Justorum animae
(Stanford), Rev A Winter. 6.30 E. Service for
five voices (Weelkes), When David heard
(Weelkes), Rev A Winter.
ST BRIDE'S. Fleet Street. EC4: 11 Choral M &
Euch, Jubilare (Sidwell), Mozart in C. O
Salutan's hosita (Pallis), Canon J Oates; 6.30
Choral E. Wood Ind. Seek him that maketh
the seven stars (Dove). Festival Te Deum
(Brittent, Canon J Oates.
ST CLEMENT DANIES: 11 Choral Euch, Mass
In G (Schubert), Alleluia I heard a voice
(Weelkes), Rev N Heron.
ST COLUMBAS CHURCH OF SCOTLAND,
Pont Street, SWI: 11. Rev D Duncan: 11 Rev A
Calitis.
ST ETHELDREDAY. Ely Elace 0.11 Supp.

Pont Street, SW1: 11, KeV D Duncau, 11 KeV C Calms. ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Flace: 9,11 Sung

Let all mortal flesh (Bajrstow), Rev A. Meldrum; 6 Choral E. Darke In F. Haec Dies-(Sheppand).
ST JOHN'S, Stratford E15: 11 Family, Taccata-(Widor), Rev D Richards; 6.30 HC, Rev M Obello.

Okeilo. ST LUKES, Chelsea, SW3: 8 HC; 10.30 MP &-HC. Ubi caritas (Durufiè), Rev D Waison: 6.30 E. Locus Iste (Bruckner), Rev D Waison. E. Locus Iste (Bruckner), Rev D Warson.

ST MARK'S, Regenis Park Rd, NWI: 8 HC;
9.45 Family: 11 Sung Euch, Merbecke, Rev T
Devonshire Jones.

ST MARGARETS, Westminster, SWI: 11 S,
Euch, Missa brevis in D (Mozard), O sing unio
the Lord (Tomkins), Rev R Holloway.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC,
(1662): 9.45 Euch, Rev L Mathebula; 11.30
Visitors, Rev B Schunemann: 2.45 Chinese,
Rev G Lee; 5 Choral E: 6.30 Evening.

Rev MARY ABBOTS CHURCH, Kensington
WS: 8.1.2.30 HC; 9.30 Parish Euch, Rev F Gelli;
11.15 Choral M, The Vicar, 6.30 E, Miss L
BURDON.

Button.

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 10, 7 LM; 11
HM, Missa Sanctorum meritis (Palestrina).

Canon L Pilkington; 6 Solernn E & B.

ST MARY'THE-VIREGIN, Primmose Hill: 8 HC.
10.30 Parish Euch, Mass setting New English
Hymnal: 6 Living with laith.

ST PAULS, Wilson Place, SW1: 8,9 HC; 11
Solernn Euch, Mass in three parts (Byrd), Iar
God's word will I rejoice (Purcell). Let God.

Arise (Locke), Rev B Newion. arise (Locke), Rev B Newton.

ST PETER'S, Baton Square, SW1; 8,15 HC; 10
Family Buch: 11 5 Euch, Messe (Martin),
Cantique de Jean Racine (Faure), Jauchz, Erd,
und Himmel, Juble hell (Regen, Fr D'Tillyez,
CHAPEL ROYAL OF ST PETER AD VINCULA,
HM Tower of London: 9,15 HC; 11 M &
Sermon, Jubilate (Britten In C), Alleiula J
heard a voice (Weelkes), Canon J G M W
Murphy.

heard a voice (Weelkes), Canon J G M W Murphy, CHAPEL ROYAL St. James's Palace: R.30HC; 11.15 S Euch, Missa Brevis Sancti Joennis De Deo (Haydn), Ven E Ward.

CHAPEL ROYAL Hampton Court Palace: 8.30, HC (1662).

GUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 S Euch, Byrd in three parts, The Chapiain. THE TEMPLE CHURCH. Fleet Street: 8.30, 11.15 HC: Merbecke, Tarry no longer toward thine heritage (Davies), The Master.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barray SWI: 12 M, Ocuil omnium (Wood), Dets. Mis honour (Purcell), Rev J Goyth, Band of the Coldstream Guards: 12 HC.

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APPS - On July 20th 1996 at The Royal Devon and Exeter, to Julia (née Leonard) and Philip, a daughter, Charlotte Emma AYLETT - On July 20th, to Louise (nos Shapperd) and Crispin, a daughter, Ofivia, a sister for Wilfred and Feitz.

insull. - On July 25rd at The Portland Hospital, to Nations and Nick, a son, James, a brother for Oliver. CHEAS - Ou 24th July at St. Taximus Hospital, to Serah (nos Mason) and Nick, a citustur, Rossid Jossyn, a stater for Georgia and

DODGOS - On 24th July at R.U.H., Beth, to Flone (sée Dawson) and Matthew, a. son, a brother for Emma. DOWNLAND - On July 23rd 1996 at The Portland Hospital Jack Rochford grived, a beautiful son for

HOLMES - On 19th July 1996 at home, to Catherine (nie Scruby) and Marc. a son, Michael David. a brother for

10MMELS - On 15th July 1996, to Susan (née Johnston) and John, a son, Robert John, a brother for RESTERTON - On 10th July at home, to Paul and Anna (note Bareh), a son, Jack Adam Nubal, a brother for Toby and Lars.

McDOMASH - On Juby 23rd at The Pertiand Hospital. London WI, to Albem (sée Briggs) and Patrick Joseph, a handsome son, Aldan Laurence. HAYLOR - On 24th July, to Held and Jim, a pracing daughter, Paith, a stater for Junios. Dec Grattas.

OLIVER - On 10th July 1996, to Sophile (née Grattan-Ballow) and David, a con, Edward George Mordaunt,

PYROPOULOS - On July 25th at The Portland Hospital, to Julie (nee Whitelaw) and Theo, a lovely daughter, Anna Transfer.

PRINCE - On 20th July 1996, to Journa (nie Besie) and Space, a sto, James Edward Alexander, a brother for Bobert. grandiction of Anna and leabel. Private family fameral Mamorial Service to daughter. Berah Frances Rose, a sister for Robert.

BIRTHS WILSON - On 23rd July, to Anna (née Cranston) and Paul, a son, Alladair Cranston. DEATHS

BALLY - Edward Owen on Thursday 28th July pascetolly at home and 77 years. Private toward for circs family only please (Memorial Service to be laid later). No flowers but any donations to The Medical Castra. Lindfield. Seess.

RUDGETT - The Haverend Robert (Reibin) Brackschuny Budgett (87 years) peacetulity on 22nd July at The Sue Ryder Home, Snettisham, Norfolk after meny years faitheit service in England and India, Funnesi Service at Overstrand, Norfolk, 2 pm, Monday 25th July followed by buriel in the chartchyard, Funnesi Directors: Ductors of Aykham (01,263) 738176. Other queries: Cedite M Brown Solicitor (01263) 734214. CLARGE - On July 25th 1996 Descriptly at the BUPA Hospital, Havant, Michael St George Stephanner aged 66. Beloved husband of Angela, father of Timothy, Sarah, Roger and Penny, grandfather of Anna und leahal, Britista femilis

DEATHS CHONYN - On 25th July pescahulir in hospital Hush Verschoyle Crunyn, G.M., artist seed 91. Mach loved bushend of Jean, hefter of Anna and Jamey and grandfather of Edward and William. Funeral Service at 5t. Nicholas Church. Chiswick Mail, W4, at 11 cm on Friday 2nd Angust. Family flowers only. Dunstions if desired to Help sponsor a True, to Friends of R.B.G. Kew, Lagney Officer, Royal Bottmical Gardens. Kew. Richmond, Surrey TW9 JAB.

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LEIBERMAN - D.M. MD FRCP on July 24th in Norwick, Experies to Pair Taylor Funeral Services, Norwick, NR2 2PE, tal: (01603) 760787. MARTINET GOMEZ - José Manuel, of Nikita's Restaurent, peacefully on Jay 24th 1996 at home in. Wimbledon with family. Funeral at Lambeth Crematorium. Blackshaw Road. Tooting, on Tucnday July 30th at 3.30 µm. Denations to St. George's Hoggal Special Transee via Ashton's, 140 Alexander Road, 2W19 7JY, (0181) 946-1061.

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IN MEMORIAM -PRIVATE of Grace by Spence who died suddenly July 28th 1992. Heather. John. Nicholas and Egysin. GOLDEN

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OBITUARIES

Susan Cowdy, MBE, ornithologist, died as the result of a car accident on July 9 aged 81. She was born on August 6, 1914.

SUSAN COWDY was a universal aunt of the best possible kind to several generations of ornithologists and other naturalists whose paths crossed with her own. But she was also a formidable organiser and a prime mover in many organisations. Perhaps her greatest achievement was the swift formation of the Bardsey Island Appeal and the raising of £200,000, over a few months in 1978, for the purchase and upkeep of the bird sanctuary on Ynys Enlli (Bardsey Island just off the Lleyn Peninsula in North Wales).

Susan Evelyn Stewart-Liberty, as she was before her marriage, was the eldest child of Captain Ivor Stewart-Liberty and his wife Evelyn (the family owned the Regent Sreet store, Liberty's, which her younger brother inher-ited). She was brought up and lived for most of her life in The Lee between Great Missenden and Wendover in Buckinghamshire. (At one time there were six households in this one village belonging to the Stewart-Liberty fam-

She married John Cowdy in 1935 and spent five years in Northern Ireland, manily hunting and point-to-pointing, before returning to Buckinghamshire when war broke out. Her love of horses, maintained all her life, led to her spending about ten years as Pony Club Commissioner for the Old Berkeley West. But birds, and natural history, were her forte.

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An amateur interest in natural history is often a private activity which does not impinge upon others. With Susan Cowdy things could hardly have been more different. Her enthusiasm was infectious, affecting young and old alike and, to a remarkable extent, those with the ability to provide funds and alter policies. Susan Cowdy, in full flight, was not a person to be diverted: very like her Buckinghamshire contemporary, the redoubtable Dame Miriam Rothschild.

Cowdy's first forays into the natural history establishment were at the local level with the Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society (Natural History Section) and the Middle Thames Natural History Society. In 1980 she was an enthusiastic participant in the formation of the Bucks Bird Club; she was its president from 1994, and

SUSAN COWDY



prominent in the publication of its excellent book The Birds of Buckinghamshire.

It was in North Wales that her national involvement with the conservation movement started. She went to Bardsey first in 1958 to study bird migration. It was love at first visit and she quickly became a member of the Bardsey Bird and Field Observatory Council and developed a special interest in the Chough, the red-billed crow of the Celtic fringes, which though it is symbolic of Cornwall (of whose county, arms it forms a part, and where it is generally referred to as the Cornish Chough) in fact no longer nests in that county, and breeds on the British mainland only in Wales and on the west side of Scotland.

Cowdy's interest led to several scientific papers. The problems caused by the rotating lights at the island lighthouse, which mesmerised migrant birds in its beams and lured them to their death, brought interest

and grants from the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. She eventually served three full terms (15 years) on its

Expeditions by amateur ornithologists need feeding. Cowdy filled a vacant niche in the early 1960s as a cook to ringing courses and the new Common Birds Census expeditions, run by Ken Williamson for the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO). At a time when serious amateur biological ornithology was still in its infancy these gatherings were hugely influential and ground-breaking. A surprising number of today's senior ornithologists have been fed by Cowdy in the primitive surrounding of a Highland bothy or in the cosy common room of a bird observatory.

She was soon invited on to the council of the British Trust for Ornithology and, with its move to Tring, close to The Lee, also became its honorary secretary. The organisation was being run on rather less than a and two daughters.

shoestring in those days, and the honorary secretary took it upon herself to organise working parties at the weekend to decorate the new HQ - a far cry from the hands-off approach favoured by many officers. She was influential in obtaining the funding for the first Breeding Bird Atlas and greatly enjoyed the field work. Typically, this was work not just done round her home in Buckinghamshire but also in the Highlands of Scotland and the West of Ireland. Later she served again as vice-president of the BTO and a member of its various committees. She claimed to have cooked her way to the Bernard Tucker Medal in 1968 but by 1986, when she was awarded the BTO Jubilee Medal, her all-round influence on the development of the organisation was clear for all to see.

In the local Buckinghamshire con-text she realised just how important the whole natural heritage of the county was to all its constituent parts. She was a founding member of BBONT (Berkshire. Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Naturalists Trust) and was a supporter both through committee work and through fund-raising (in-cluding annual plant sales). Her work for the Wildlife Trusts' movement was marked by the Christopher Cadbury Medal presented to her by Sir David Attenborough last December.

But Bardsey Island was her passion for many years. When it came on to the open market at a £100,000 asking price in 1978 she immediately set about raising £200,000 to buy and endow it. Her interests may have been primarily in natural history but she was fully conscious of the religious connotations of Enlli, of its essential Welshness and of the future of the small community that lived there. The appeal was successful and the management settled on the Bardsey Island Trust, which fully embodies all those different strands of interest. She was particularly pleased to see the Bardsey line of Connemara ponies establish itself so

The island is now a National Nature Reserve and retains its essential character but today is easily visited each year by new enthusiasts. Cowdy was appointed MBE in 1981. But she herself would have looked on the saving of Bardsey for the nation as her real achievement.

Susan Cowdy's husband predeceased her and she is survived by a son

THE REV JOHN STURDY

The Rev John Sturdy, Dean of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, from 1965. died of a heart attack on July 6 aged 62. He was born on October 27, 1933.

WITH an interest in the exotic. both in language and in culture, John Sturdy would probably have become a missionary had his health allowed it. As it was, he settled down to a life of scholarship. The Bible was his area of particular expertise and he could discourse with equal mastery on such disparate subjects as the entry of the Jews into Canaan or the dating of the New Testament books.

In 1965, his reputation as a cleric of formidable erudition already established, he was appointed Dean of Gonville and Caius College, a post in which he was to remain for the rest of his life. During this time his position as the librarian of the faculty of divinity was to prove one of the great joys of his life. An inveterate haunter of bookshops, he was to obtain - often exceptionally cheaply - theological works of great rarity and importance in all languages. The library expanded during his time from some 12,000 to 45,000 volumes. He also formed a fine library of his own.

Sturdy made his mark in Cambridge as a teacher. He was prepared to follow up any argument of textual scholarship and, although in his churchmanship he appeared to be conservative, in his biblical scholarship he was a radical. He was particularly known for his elucidation of the theological works written in northern European languages, and he translated

many of these. His facility with language was occasionally put to lighter use, too, and his rendering of



One Man Went to Mow in Swahili, was a traditional highlight of the Christmas

party he gave at Caius. John Vivian Mortland Sturdy was born in Sheffield, the son of a telephone engineer. His family moved to Oxford in 1939 and so, even as a child, educated first at Christ Church Choir School and then at Magdalen College School, Sturdy imbibed the atmosphere of a university city. He went on to be an undergraduate at Christ Church, where he took a first in Mods and then. after Greats, staved for a further year to read Theology. He then moved to Cambridge where he trained for the ministry at Westcott House while simultaneously taking the Oriental Studies Tripos in Hebrew and Aramaic.

After ordination in 1958 he was curate at St Mary's, Hitchin, for four years. He then spent a brief period as curate at Ampthill before joining the staff of Wells Theological College as a tutor.
In 1965 he was appointed

Dean of Caius College and, shortly afterwards, to the librarianship of the faculty of divinity. His retirement from the latter post in 1995, when the organising of the move of

the library was in prospect, was a great sadness to him. It also proved something of a disappointment to him that. after such a promising start to his career, he was never to receive any further appointment either in the university or elsewhere.

Although his conduct of services at Caius was exemplary, his gentle and scholarly approach to Christianity turned out to be of limited appeal to undergraduates who, as the year progressed, departed to churches of a more exciting cast. He was not an easy Dean for his chaplains to work with since, having once set the tone of chapel life in what he saw as the enduring tradition of the Church of England — dignified but infor-mal, neither over-elaborate nor emotional - he was deeply resistant to any change in it. But his learning came out, without pedantry but deeply imbued with Christian morality, in his sermons.

In 1961 John Sturdy married Jill Evans. They had three children But their family life was transformed at an early stage when they decided also to foster and adopt children from different racial backgrounds. They fostered 12 children, nine of whom they adopted. Finding it difficult to have these children satisfactorily educated in the public system they bought a large house in 1979 and established a school, Sancton Wood, for the education of other neople's children as well as their own. Their huge family brought great joy to the Sturdys but, in later years, some tribulations as well. Sturdy bore these problems with patience and resignation, even when he was struck by the heart trouble from which, after a few months, he died.

He is survived by his wife

JOCK WALLACE



Jock Wallace, football

cessful Glasgow Rangers team of the mid-1970s, brought gruff determination and leadership to the business of football management. The military terminology, often so wearisomely applied to football matches, did possess a certain apmess when Wallace was involved. He had, after all, served in the King's Own Scottish Borderers and had taken part in the jungle conflict against terrorists in Malaya in the 1950s. The disciplined aggression

an army aspires to was a quality of particular appeal to a man of his temperament. As a player, the sport was a prolonged test of Wallace's dedication since his talents as a goalkeeper did not whisk him from his native Wallyford, in Midlothian, to fame.

After education at Crookston School and Musselburgh Grammar School, he had a couple of jobs, joined the Army, then became a fulltime footballer.

He then whiled away his career with Berwick Rangers. Airdrie, West Bromwich Albion, Bedford Town and Herefed United. A return to Berwick in 1966, where he was both manager and goalkeep-



opportunity to reveal his true talents.

In one of the most outlandish results in football history his team knocked Glasgor Rangers out of the Scottish Cup in 1967. The Ibrax club had been handed a humiliation, but they must also have recognised that they had received a compelling job application. After a spell with Heart of Midlothian, Wallace was appointed head coach at Glasgow Rangers in 1970.

He was assistant to Willie Waddell, the manager, when Rangers won the Cup Winners' Cup, by defeating Moscow Dynamo, in 1972. Wallace then became team manager, with Waddell taking up an executive position at Ibrox. Delirious though the celebrations of the European success had been, there was still a crucial task to be accomplished. Celtic had won every Scottish League champion ship since 1966 and an institution such as Rangers, whose history has taught it to expect pre-eminence, finds failure not only disappointing but also baffling. Wallace removed the bewilderment.

Self-doubt withered in his presence. He could certainly

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be pungent and loud in expressing his views, but he provided more than just raucous aggression. In addition to commanding and chastis-Wallace knew how to coax. One of his signings, Gordon Smith, produced a flurry of goals in his first few games for Rangers in 1977. It was then that the manager chose to tell him that his scoring rate would eventually dip but that he need not fear for his place in the team so long as he remained industrious.

Smith's excitement at his early achievements was thus buttressed by a sense of security. Wallace knew how to implant feelings of well-being. Strenuous training sessions on the sand dunes at Gullane were admiringly reported, but his side usually spent just one day a year there. While the programme probably made little real difference, players were persuaded that they had acquired a fitness that opponents could not match.

Wallace strengthened minds as much as muscles. His team halted Celtic's domination by taking the League championship in 1975 and won the treble in 1976 and 1978. Implacable though it was, the side also accommodated subtle talents, particularly, after 1977, that of the late Davie Cooper.

In 1978 Wallace left the club although he later had a second, less successful spell at Ibrox. His passion for Rangers gave other posts the appearance of digressions, but he also managed Leicester City, Motherwell, Seville and Colchester United. In later years Wallace, who lived in Spain, suffered from Parkinson's disease.

He is survived by his wife Daphne, a daughter and a

ALIKI VOUYOUKLAKI

Aliki Vouyouklaki, Greek actress, died from cancer on July 23 aged 63. She was born on July 20, 1933.

ALIKI VOUYOUKLAKI was regarded by Greeks as their homegrown answer to Marilyn Monroe and Brigitte Bardot. She combined two apparently contradictory types in her screen persons, the unspoiled girl-next-door and the sex bornb, wrapped up in one alluring package. She was unheard of abroad, but in Greece there was few bigger stars. After years of war and civil war, the sort of lighthearted, patriotic films she-released during the 1950s provided a pleasing antidote to the horrors from which the country had only recently emerged.

Her exact birthdate was a

well kept secret, and as journalists were too polite - in her case — to push the matter, her age remained a question of informed guesswork. She was the daughter of a senior civil servant who was killed by the Germans during the Second World War. There was no history of the stage in the family, but after local schools in Athens and a few acting lessons she landed her first job in 1954, modelling in a poster which advertised beer. The poster was widely distributed to the nation's tavernas. Vouyouklaki followed it with a few plays before catching the eye of a studio chief in Athens. He suggested that she bleach her dark hair blonde, a clever piece of marketing as it singled her out from the rest of her Mediterranean sisters, her Mediterranean sisters, and provided a striking foil for

her brown eyes. Her first film. The Little Mouse, in 1954, cast her as an ingénue schoolgirl. She had to wait until 1960 to have a real hit, with Aliki in the Navy (also her first screen appearance with the actor she later married, Dimitris Papa-michail). Few of her films were seen outside. Greece, but one

which went to Cannes was Madalena in 1961. The first of her patriotic war films, in which she played a resistance heroine, was The Blonde Schoolteacher, in 1969. There were about forty films in all, the last in 1981 (afterwards she concentrated on stage work). She sang in most of these. although she was the first to admit there was nothing exceptional about her voice. Unlike her near contempo

rary, Melina Mercouri, Aliki Vouyouklaki refused to become involved with left-wing politics, and so avoided the difficulties which embroiled so many of her more radical colleagues in the business. Through years of alternating democracy and dictatorship, Vouyouklaki soldiered on, making her unabashedly populist contribution to the film industry.

Although she rumoured to have had a romance with the Crown

Prince Constantine in the early 1960s, she married only once, her long-time screen lover, Dimitris Papamichail. in 1965. The marriage quickly foundered, but she remained fond of her ex-husband and years later she asked him, on a chat show, to remarry her. That offer, however, was not accepted, and she never did remarry, although she was publicly escorted by a succession of strikingly youngerlooking men. Far from alienating the conservative Greek public, this uninhibited behaviour only served to make her more popular.

Earlier this year, illness made her break off a string of appearances in a Greek stage rsion of The Sound of Music. She had developed cancer, as a result, it was widely believed, of years of dependency on untested and unsafe anti-ageing treatments. She leaves a son from her

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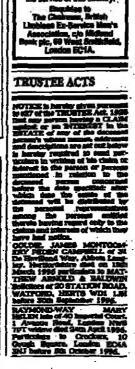
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THE OLYMPIC GAMES. WHERE BRITAIN FAILED AT STOCKHOLM

As long ago as last winter the warning voice of prophecy was raised in a series of articles in The Times, in which the inherent incompetence of the British Olympic Council to ensure our being so represented at Stockholm as to do ourselves justice was carnestly insisted upon. Those articles produced only acrimo-nious retorts from officers and members of the Council, but the event has more than justified the criticism published in The Times. England and all the world now know that our representation at Stockholm was deplorable, not because we do not possess abundance of first-class material, but because the arrangements made for our share in the Games, the training and preparation of our athletes, and the care taken of them at Stockholm were almost pathetically farcical . . .

In the aggregate number of points scored at the entire meeting Great Britain stands a poor third to Sweden and the United States, the final scores being - Sweden, 133; America, 129; Great Britain, 76 ... The exasperating thing was that being, as we were, so easily second, our men, for mere lack of teaching, should have been made to

seem almost like children by comparison with

ON THIS DAY

July 27, 1912

Does the writer protest too much? Britain did win six golds. The sensation at Stockholm was the American Jim Thorpe who won the decathlon and pentathlon but was stripped of his medals when it was revealed he was a "professional" — having been, in 1909, a \$25 a week baseball player,

the American runners, when, in proper hands, rightly trained and told how to run, there was no reason whatever why the British athletes as a body should not have been a better "pack". than the Americans or have divided honours with them at least evenly. And it is significant of the narrow field from which our athletes are drawn that, of these 12 men, no fewer than seven are present representatives of either

Meanwhile, in these competitions which are most popular in England, we were un-approachable. A German "four" beat the Thames R.C.; otherwise we had a clean sweep

Oxford or Cambridge.

in Rowing. Our Football was not only better, but of a better class, than that of any other country, and the same was true of Water Polo. Where, then, was it that we failed? We failed, as has been seen, in track events by mismanagement; and this same mismanagement helped to shut us out from any score in

all the other Stadium sports.

The lesson of the Olympic Games was not that in any sports which are commonly practised in Great Britain we were inferior to other countries, but that in them we were conspicuously superior to all except the United States. Our inferiority to the United States, moreover, was not an interiority in material or in the possibilities of individual athletes, but was due to the fact that America brought to the post for each event not merely so many perfectly trained athletes, but an admirably organized machine for winning races; while our men might or might not be trained, they were almost untaught in the technique of running and quite unorganized. Behind this lies the broad fact that at present our ideal of sport is not the Olympic ideal. If we wish to hold our own in 1916 and thereafter, we must not only have more competent management in our affairs, but we must also take to practising many things which at present we ignore, but by which other countries accumulate points that put us to shame.

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■ The Government backed reforms, put forward by Lord Woolf, the Master of the Rolls, to make the civil courts cheaper, quicker and easier to use.

Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, said he would seek a Bill this autumn to implement the first stage of the wide-ranging proposals ..

Second appeal for Bridgewater Four

■ Michael Howard surprised political and legal circles by referring the case of the Bridgewater Four to the Court of Appeal for a second full hearing. Relatives of the four men convicted of killing Carl Bridgewater, a 13-year-old newspaper boy, wept with joy when they were told ...

IMF warning

The IMF has delivered an upbeat assessment of the British economy but told Kenneth Clarke he has "no scope for tax cuts" in the Budget ...

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A bitter dispute has erupted within the French scientific community over paintings in caves north of

Boycott ruled out by Imran judge

■ When Geoffrey Boycott stood in the witness box at the Imran Khan libel case he delivered a performance every bit as aggressive as any in 108 Test matches. The judge finally halted his evidence and asked him to leave the box

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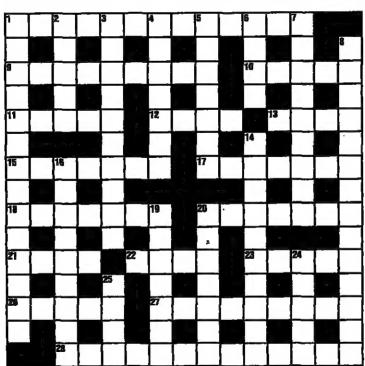
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THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 20,231

A limited edition, 1970 vintage bottle of Aberlour single malt whisky, the only malt whisky to have twice won the prestigious Gold Medal and Pot Still Trophy

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1 Broke an order and behaved

3 White Paper that shows no convic-

5 Men tied in with network? (3.4).

7 Special article about record

14 Where to take chances with

wheels, as rally's ending (5.5).

16 A French picture ruler is taking

20 Make the best of a tense possibil-

24 Ring family before midnight (5).

25 Colour from factory finally put in

19 Easy game, say, to support (7).

2 Poet is feeling passionate (5).

4 Soft colour for a girl (7).

selfishly (6,3,5).

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tin (4).

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ACROSS

- I Commissions scarf for a worse than useless supporter (4.9). 9 Poet's editor was amazed (9). 10 Youngster, one learner taken on
- II Half the things needed for European city (5). 12 Bird cornered and unable to move, initially (4).
- 13 Organisation behind spy ring so long (4). 15 Moved off one's trolley (7).
- 17 Soldiers in coach keeping place for reserves (7). 18 Not stopping to speak (7).
- 20 Job description, in the case of a doctor (7). 21 Very strange Scots (4).
- 22 Lasting effect of damage by second vehicle (4). 23 Give hiding to, making many feel
- 26 Make one run if you take part (5). 27 In relation to ringleader, a head appears to go too far (9).

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Scotland, Glasgow: Dry with sunny spells. Wind west or northwest light. Mex 19C to 22C (66F to 72F). ☐ Cent Highlands, Argyll, NW Scotland: Often cloudy. Patchy drizzle near coasts. Wind west light to moderate. Max 18C to 19C (61F to 65F).

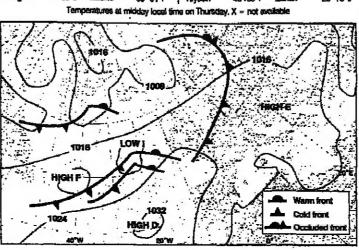
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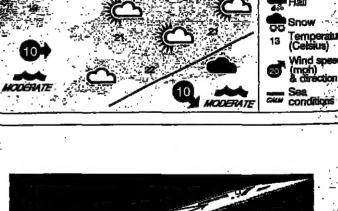
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